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MAIN PICTURE ... Bristol City made a dream comeback to Division One after 65 years by beating Arsenal 1-0 at Highbury. Goal-hero Paul Cheesley (centre) is congratulated by happy team-mates.

BELOW ... Another return — this time George Best, seen here with Fulham team-boss Bobby Campbell.

BELOW, RIGHT ... Everton's centre-back Ken McNaught in command against Q.P.R. during their shock 4-0 victory.





FOOT OF PAGE, LEFT ... Liverpool's £200,000 striker David Johnson during his Anfield debut against Norwich City.

FOOT OF PAGE, RIGHT ... Chelsea skipper Ray Wilkins poses a few problems for Orient 'keeper John Jackson.

LEFT ... The Birmingham defence looks anxiously as the ball goes wide — and they have earned a valuable point from their 2-2 draw against Manchester United at Old Trafford.



Facts and figures about The Republic of Ireland

LATE STARTERS

Although the Football Association of Ireland was formed in 1921 — after a dispute with the Irish Football Association — it wasn't until March 21, 1926, that the Irish Free State (as it was then called) played its first full international.

The venue was Turin, the opponents Italy and the result a 3-0 defeat for the Irish, who fielded a team composed entirely of part-timers.

It wasn't until the F.A.I.'s second international — the return against Italy in Dublin on April 23, 1927, when the Italians won 2-1 — that full-time players from English and Scottish clubs were used.

The F.A.I.'s first win was away from home — beating Belgium 4-2 at Liege on February 12, 1928. In the return match in Dublin on April 20, 1929, the F.A.I. recorded its first home win, beating Belgium 4-0, with the help of a hat-trick by J. J. Flood (Shamrock Rovers).

FOUR APIECE

Only two players have managed to score four goals in an international for the Republic of Ireland. Most recent was, of course, Don Givens (Q.P.R.), who scored all the goals when Turkey were beaten 4-0 in a European Championship game in Dublin on October 29 last.

The other four-timer was Paddy Moore (Aberdeen), whose goals helped Ireland draw 4-4 with Belgium in a World Cup-tie in Dublin on February 25, 1934.

LEADING SCORERS

Don Givens (Q.P.R.) has scored more goals for the Republic of Ireland than any other player. His two goals which defeated Poland in Poznan on May 26 gave him a grand total of 15, one more than the previous record held jointly by Jimmy Dunne (Sheffield Utd., Arsenal, Southampton and Shamrock Rovers) and Noel Cantwell (West Ham Utd. and Manchester Utd.).

The next target for Givens is the most goals scored in internationals by an Irishman. This record is currently held by Jimmy Dunne who, in addition to his 14 goals for the F.A.I., scored another four for Northern Ireland.

MOST CAPPED

Alan Kelly, the former Preston goalkeeper who is now assistant to Irish team manager Johnny Giles, has won more caps — 47 — than any other Republic of Ireland player.

TOP CLUB

League of Ireland club Shamrock Rovers have supplied more players — 53 — for Republic of Ireland teams than any other club. Shelbourne, with 23, are their nearest rivals. Best of the Football League clubs are Manchester United, with 13.

PROGRAMME NOTE

The last meeting of England and the Republic of Ireland at Wembley

took place almost 20 years ago — on May 8, 1957, in a World Cup-tie which England won 5-1.

The heading on the programme notes about Ireland was headed "Will Irish Eyes Be Smiling?" and in one paragraph the writer stated: "Matt Busby has shown this season that he realises the value of the Irish nursery centres and has two ex-Home Farm juniors on the Manchester United books, in addition to John Giles of Stella Maris..."

Yes, that was the same John Giles who is now manager of the Irish squad!

DOUBLE INTERNATIONALS

Until 1950, players born in the Republic of Ireland could be selected for both Northern Ireland and the Republic. A total of 32 players won caps with both the F.A.I. (Dublin) and the I.F.A. (Belfast).

INTERNATIONAL RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Argentina.....	1	0	0	1	0	1
Austria.....	10	2	2	6	13	27
Belgium.....	8	4	1	3	19	18
Brazil.....	1	0	0	1	1	2
Chile.....	3	2	0	1	5	3
Czechoslovakia.....	9	2	1	6	9	24
Denmark (*).....	5	2	2	1	6	5
Ecuador.....	1	1	0	0	3	2
England.....	5	1	1	3	5	10
Finland.....	2	1	1	0	4	1
France.....	6	2	2	2	9	9
West Germany.....	10	4	1	5	16	19
Hungary.....	7	0	3	4	12	20
Iceland.....	2	1	1	0	5	3
Iran.....	1	1	0	0	2	1
Italy.....	4	0	0	4	2	10
Luxembourg.....	3	3	0	0	10	1
Netherlands.....	5	3	0	2	12	11
Norway.....	10	6	3	1	26	15
Poland.....	13	4	3	6	17	26
Portugal.....	5	1	0	4	3	9
Spain.....	15	3	3	9	12	36
Switzerland.....	7	4	0	3	8	4
Scotland.....	4	1	1	2	3	8
Sweden.....	6	1	1	4	7	14
Turkey.....	4	2	1	1	8	4
Uruguay.....	1	0	0	1	0	2
USSR.....	4	1	0	3	5	5
Wales.....	1	0	0	1	2	3
Yugoslavia.....	1	0	0	1	1	4

(*) Includes game abandoned because of fog, 1-1, December, 1968.

GILES MISSED RECORD

Johnny Giles, the Republic of Ireland manager, retired from international football last season with a total of 44 caps — just three short of the record held by Alan Kelly.

STATUETTES

The F.A.I. honours players who have made 25 appearances for the Republic of Ireland by presenting them with a statuette. Johnny Carey (Manchester United) was the first to be honoured, in 1950, and the following 13 players have won the award since: Noel Cantwell, Tony Dunne, Peter Farrell, Arthur Fitzsimons, Johnny Giles, Don Givens, Joe Haverty, Charlie Hurley, Alan Kelly, Joe Kinnear, Con Martin, Paddy Mulligan and Ray Treacy.

Of the squad selected for Wednesday's match, Stoke's Terry Conroy has 23 caps and West Brom's Mick Martin has 22, needing only three more to emulate his father Con's achievement.

I'm glad England have the opportunity of a run-out before we get down to business with our World Cup-ties against Finland and Italy over the next couple of months.

It is good to be playing the Republic of Ireland again after a gap of 12 years.

They have their best team I can remember and they will be a stiff test for England.

From our point of view, the game gives us the opportunity to improve the understanding built up during the summer.

Our tour of the United States was a success and we followed this with an excellent 4-1 victory over Finland in Helsinki.

When players return to their clubs, they play a different tactical formation and in some cases with stars operating in different positions.

The match at Wembley will help us to get back in the "old routine" ... although I wouldn't necessarily say Don Revie will pick the team that did so well in Helsinki.

This is no doubt what most fans will expect and I can understand their reasoning.

We gave one of England's best performances for ages and, most impor-

I'd done and said I'd be continuing with the job.

It was the icing on the cake following our victory over Finland and it was certainly a very happy journey home for one England player!

I'm pleased with the way things have gone in the past year. I know the England players a lot better now, having spent a fair amount of time together.

I hope 1976/77 will be as successful as the end of 1975/76.

Back to Ireland ... and one player I hope to be facing is my Q.P.R. team-mate Don Givens.

Don's a good striker with a fierce shot in both feet and a surprising turn of speed.

It may sound obvious, but Don loves scoring ... when he's having a goal-run, there are few better or more dangerous strikers on the scene.

my side of soccer

GERRY FRANCIS

'Let's get

tant, scored four goals in an away World Cup-tie.

However, it must be remembered that the "summer side" was not really the England manager's first choice.

Established stars such as Colin Bell, Dave Watson and Kevin Beattie had to withdraw from the squad through injury.

Also, Charlie George looked set to win his first England cap when he dislocated a shoulder.

As I write, these players are all fit again, so who knows what the line-up against Ireland will be?

We'll be looking to carry on where we left off in Finland, but at the same time Don Revie could decide to experiment a little with tactics that may be needed against Finland and Italy.

Both our World Cup opponents will place the emphasis on defence — Finland because they're coming to Wembley and Italy because they know no other way!

So, you may just see a slightly different approach from England at Wembley, but of course the decision will be made by Don Revie in the next few days.

It will not be easy for him to choose the team, but it's the sort of "problem" he would like more often.

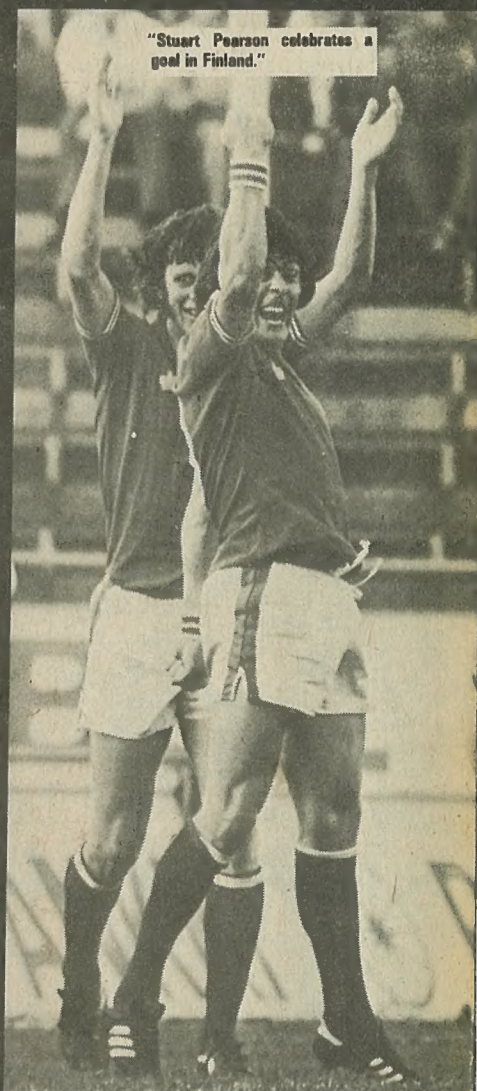
The "stand-ins" — that is, the players who were drafted into the squad after the injury withdrawals — did so well they will be disappointed if they're left out.

Still, it's good from England's point of view that our "first-team squad" is growing all the time.

I was delighted when Don Revie told me I would be carrying on with my duties as captain of England.

My initial appointment was for last season and on the plane coming home from Helsinki he thanked me for what

"Stuart Pearson celebrates a goal in Finland."





Charlie George

His form for Ireland over the past couple of years has been superb.

It seems like every time he comes back after a game he's scored a hat-trick!

Don has spoken very highly of manager Johnny Giles, who has given Ireland a kiss of life with his new ideas.

In fact, I'll probably see Johnny before Wembley as his West Brom visit Loftus Road this Saturday (September 4th).

I remember three years ago when Terry Mancini was still with Rangers and he won his first Irish cap.

Terry is a Londoner through-and-through, but qualified for Ireland under the parentage ruling.

We kidded "O'Mancini" that he'd been digging deep into his ancestry to find an Irishman!

Liam Brady, the young Arsenal midfielder, will no doubt play at Wembley and he has made a big impact in the last two or three years.

He has a good left foot and uses the ball well. I've noticed that if closely-marked he can drift out of the game, but the space at Wembley should suit him.

It is difficult to get away from the

political angle of the game, but sport can often bring countries closer together.

I hate to see politics interfering with sport and the recent Olympic walkout by Black Africa was most disappointing.

My own view is that I'll play football anywhere. I couldn't care less about the politics involved.

I've travelled to Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Portugal at a time when politics and internal troubles were at their height.

This didn't concern me — football was the purpose of my visit.

I would be prepared to go to South Africa to coach black players ... to me, they'd simply be footballers, regardless of their colour.

If I want to play football against someone, I should be free to make this choice and the politicians should not interfere. Unfortunately, sport is an ideal platform to further their "cause".

I don't care about people's political opinions ... it's what they think about football that matters.

The Republic of Ireland have an outstanding chance of qualifying for the 1978 World Cup Finals, having been drawn against France and Bul-

garia.

Neither opponents are particular European "giants" and Ireland will have only themselves to blame if they miss out.

It's been suggested the Republic and the North should have a combined football team as they do in hockey and rugby.

In theory it's a good idea. A combined team would certainly be stronger "on paper".

I can't see it happening, though. There is too much tradition and pride at stake, however practical it sounds.

I hope to see a bumper gate at Wembley where I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we can carry on where we left off in Finland.

Until next week.

Gerry Laurie

back in the old routine'

"Team-mate Don Givens will have to be watched at Wembley."



'KEEPERS'

CROSSTALK

On Saturday (September 4th), Football League Cup holders Manchester City play Arsenal at Highbury.

Arsenal goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer and City's number one Joe Corrigan will be at opposite ends of the pitch for the first time since their unique "double" England debut against Italy in the United States' Bicentennial tournament in May.

Then, Rimmer played in the first-half and Corrigan in the second — the first time two goalkeepers made their England debuts in the same game.

Here, Rimmer and Corrigan re-live that high-spot in their blossoming careers and analyse the coming high-spots of the new season.

'I went on for England knowing you were taking over in the second-half'

JIMMY RIMMER — Arsenal

'International football is vastly different from that at club level'

JOE CORRIGAN — Manchester City

CORRIGAN: Well, Jim, playing against you will seem strange after our England "double".

RIMMER: That's what makes football a magical game, Joe. We can be friends and rivals at club and international level.

CORRIGAN: Personally, I'll never forget that game against Italy. I was excited enough when Don Revie invited me into the England party. But he didn't tell me I was to play until five minutes before the kick-off.

RIMMER: That must have been an advantage for you. There was no time to worry or become tense. I went on knowing you were taking over. I'd love to play a full 90 minutes. But winning my first England cap was a fantastic moment.

CORRIGAN: It was tough for you, Jim. You had not played for five weeks.

RIMMER: Yes, by the time I'd settled into the game, we were two goals down and I knew I had less than 25 minutes left.

CORRIGAN: I roomed with Ray Clemence of Liverpool. He told me that international football is vastly different from club football.

RIMMER: He's absolutely right there, Joe. The game is slower and more methodical in the build-up. But that's deceptive.

CORRIGAN: I know what you mean. Once they get into the penalty-area, strikers at international level are lethal. But then they are the best in their countries.

RIMMER: I believe the England team is well on the way to great things. The atmosphere on that tour was incredible.

CORRIGAN: I agree again. I had no time to worry before going on to face Italy. I only started the jitters and butterflies on the coach back to the hotel! Then the lads who've experienced England duty before rallied round and gave me a boost.

RIMMER: What about this season? City have signed my pal Brian Kidd, Jimmy Conway, Mike Docherty and England coach, Bill Taylor. That's quite a powerful squad at Maine Road.

CORRIGAN: We're going places, Jim. As you know, Brian's a proven goalscorer, Jim's an experienced Irish international, Mick's like his dad Tom from down the road — hard and very competitive. And Bill's experience with England will see us nicely through Europe in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

RIMMER: I was sorry to see Brian leave Arsenal, but he's a Manchester lad and he was homesick. Mind you, Joe, Malcolm Macdonald will bulge a few nets this season for Arsenal. All he wants to do is score goals. Even in a training game, he heads for goal as if he had a radar signal.

CORRIGAN: I've some unhappy memories of facing Supermac ... nothing personal, just his goalscoring habit!

RIMMER: When I look back at my days at Manchester United — when they signed Alex Stepney ... when I went on loan to Swansea ... when Harry Gregg built up my confidence — I'm on top of the world at

Arsenal. The fans — surely the severest critics, voted me Player of the Year last season. Unhappy memories? They're all behind me, Joe.

CORRIGAN: I had a rough time at Maine Road two years ago. City signed Keith MacRae and the fans were on my back. Then I missed the League Cup Final against Wolves. Yet I too was voted my club's Player of the Year last season ... the icing on a very rich cake.

RIMMER: Arsenal apart, I can't see anybody breaking Liverpool's grip on the title this season. City have a fine squad, but there's little hope for any fresh challengers for the First Division championship.

CORRIGAN: I agree, Jim. Liverpool, Leeds (as usual) Derby and perhaps Manchester United are the clubs I tip — City excluded to avoid bias. See you at Highbury!

RIMMER: And may the best "New Cap" win!



Joe Corrigan (left) looks on as Dave Clement and Giacinto Facchetti of Italy clash during the American Bicentennial game.

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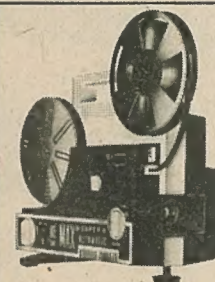
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Liam Brady for Republic of Ireland (left) and Arsenal (below).

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"Our 2-0 victory over Poland — who went on to become runners-up in the Olympic Games — in Poznan in May has boosted our morale even

more, and has shown that we can win matches away from Dublin where we seem to be just about unbeatable.

"And don't forget that meeting mighty England has been one of our major ambitions for the last couple of seasons or so.

"Nearly all the Republic's international players play with English League sides and, while we know that we have made great progress, not much notice has been taken of us over here.

"There could be no better way of proving to the rest of the British Isles that we are now a force to be reckoned with than by putting up a good performance against England at Wembley.

"It is up to us now. We know we are capable of shocking the English, and I feel sure that we will go flat out to do just that. We'll have to see."

Pride apart, the Irish will also be using the match as a major warm-

The Irishman Don Revie wanted for England

THREE weeks after he became England manager, Don Revie telephoned the then Arsenal boss Bertie Mee to ask if Liam Brady was English.

"I admit I was very disappointed when I discovered that there was no way Liam could play for England," admits Don. "He has superb skill and balance and is going to be a great, great player."

At Wembley on Wednesday night, the 19-year-old Dubliner will be out to show the English just what they have missed by turning in yet another five-star performance for the Republic.

And the dazzlingly talented young midfielder star admits: "Whatever happens, this will be a great night for me.

"For a start it will be the first time that I — and a few more of the Irish lads — have ever played at the world-famous Wembley Stadium which is one of the truly great grounds.

"I don't think there will be anyone more proud than me when the teams walk out of the tunnel on to the famous turf.

"But because of that, please don't get the impression that the Irish team is going to be overawed by the occasion. That might have been the case a few years ago, but not any longer.

"We have made so much progress on the international scene since Johnny Giles became manager three years ago that we have no reason to fear anyone

up for their World Cup qualifying matches with France and Bulgaria later this season.

Says Liam: "After our great performances against Russia, Switzerland and Turkey in the European Championship, we are obviously optimistic about our chances against these two countries.

"But it is always helpful to be able to test yourself against class opponents before going into matches that really matter — and we could not wish for a stiffer test than playing England.

"They will obviously also use this game as preparation for their own World Cup matches, so it really should be a cracker with all the players wanting to stake their claims for places in the World Cup squads.

"And, while the English fans might not be too excited about playing us, I know that the match has created tremendous excitement back home and that we will have huge support at Wembley.

"The crowds at our games in Dublin have really been out of this world and are worth a goal start for us. It will be a tremendous lift for us if they get behind us the same way against England.

"I'm not making any forecasts about the result — but the Irish have never forgotten that we were the first foreign nation to beat England on English soil when we won 2-0 at Goodison Park way back in 1949.

"We are all aware that there could be no bigger boost for football in our country than a repeat of that famous victory."



**DON
MASSON
Q.P.R. and
Scotland**



SHOOT/GOAL

MICK MILLS Ipswich and England

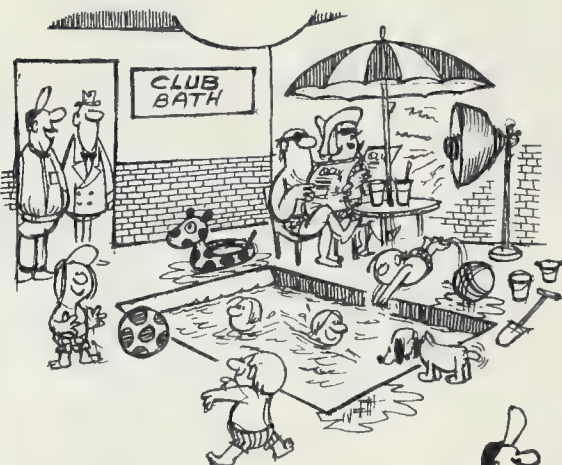


SHOOT/GOAL

ENGLAND and Scotland begin their 1976/77 international programmes next week with two significant friendlies. After the success of both countries earlier this year, fans will be eager to see if their good results will continue. 1976 saw two stars make a big impact for their countries . . . Queens Park Rangers' schemer Don Masson looks set for a long

run in the dark blue shirt of Scotland, while Ipswich Town captain Mick Mills must be pleased with his form in England's number three shirt. Our photographer caught these two "new" stars in their international shirts . . . Mills has also started a collection of opponents' jerseys, as you'll see. We reckon he'll have quite a few more by the end of the season!

FOOTBALL



"The manager and his family always relax here on Sundays"

This week Walsall's close-season signing from Leeds United **MICK BATES** selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



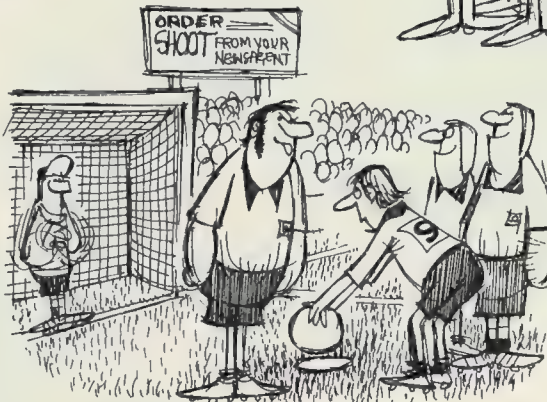
"See that, ref. Squeezed me magic sponge over him and he turned into a toadstool"



"Doesn't look as though he's going to get away with just a little fine this time, boss"



"And — if England score — don't go leaping about singing 'Rule Britannia' "



"Remember — he always dives left — so make him think you're going to shoot right and then make him think you've changed your mind — so when he dives left — you shoot right"

FUNNIES

NOBBY

WHICH CLUB HAS THE BIGGEST DRESSING ROOMS IN BRITAIN?



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EVERYBODY CHANGES AT CREWE!



EVER HAD THE FEELING YOUR HUMOUR ISN'T APPRECIATED?!



AN AMAZING thing happened during our Glasgow Cup Final against Celtic at Parkhead last month... The Celts' fans actually chanted my name!

No, I didn't score an own-goal during our 3-1 victory. It happened this way. I saw Celtic right-back Danny McGrain go down in a heap after challenging for a high ball and suddenly I thought: "I hope he is not in pain."

TARTAN TALK

John Greig

Remember, Danny, a very likeable fellow, fractured his skull about five years ago during a game against Falkirk at Brockville! So when the ball landed at my feet, I just thundered it out of play to stop the game and allow the Celtic trainers on to have a look at Danny.

I'm delighted to say Danny was okay, but my little action earned me a quick round of applause from the Celtic fans. I don't know if I prefer them shouting AGAINST me — at least then I know I am doing a job for Rangers!

Actually, it's an action I would go through for any footballer. We're all in this game for a living, but whenever it comes to serious injury you cannot afford to take any chances. I would like to think other professionals feel the same way as I do.

Okay, then, what about our next Old Firm encounter which happens to

be this Saturday (September 4th) away at Parkhead? Who is going to win? Well, I think it's been about two years since Rangers lost to Celtic and I'm sincerely hoping that run is extended after this crucial Premier League match.

Celtic played well against us in the Glasgow Cup Final, but I think our experience told in the end. We got off to a tremendous start when Sandy Jardine — playing in midfield — powered through on the right-hand side and scored with a powerful low shot.

Then Colin Jackson put us 2-0 ahead and, like Celtic boss Jock Stein said afterwards, you just cannot afford to give a team of the calibre of Rangers two goals start.

Johannes Edvaldsson pulled one back for Celtic with a header just before half-time, but we then showed our versatility by being able to leave

the injured Colin Jackson — our international centre-half — off at the interval and pull striker Derek Johnstone into the number five position and put on substitute Bobby McKean.

Losing your centre-half can be a crippling blow, but I'm glad to say Rangers have the resources to cope with a situation like that. We got a third goal through an Alex Miller penalty-kick after Derek Parlane had been brought down.

So the Glasgow Cup joined the League Championship, the League Cup and the Scottish Cup in the Ibrox trophy room. I'll think we'll have to start paying our cleaning ladies more money — they must be working overtime keeping all our trophies polished!

A similar 3-1 score would obviously keep yours truly happy on Saturday, but the main thing is to get two points. It's going to be a tough, hard-fought game and I hope the fans

'Old Firm games — still a big thrill'



behave themselves again.

I should be used to the high-powered tension of these Old Firm games by now, but I still get that same excitement welling inside me that I had when I was a youngster waiting to make my debut. It always gives me a big thrill.

Sometimes it's difficult to enjoy the games when there would appear to be so much hatred on the terracings, but there have been some amusing incidents in the past. I once heard my colleague Tom Forsyth make a remark after I had clashed with wee Jimmy Johnstone, now of Sheffield United, of course.

Tom said: "There's Jimmy trying to climb the north face of John Greig again." Little quips like that can settle you down and raise your game.

Then there was the time our wee Willie Henderson was sent flying by a Celtic defender and Willie, never stuck for a quick retort, said: "If I had known you were going to be tackling like that I would have put my parachute on!"

Anyway, let's hope it is a good game for the punters to enjoy. And please, fans, stay out of trouble. See you all in a fortnight...

John Greig

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S KENNY DALGLISH
NEXT WEEK**

John Greig, left, and Kenny DalGLISH (right) were the only players to play in both the 1981 and 1982 Old Firm games.

3 WINS - ONE DRAW

*in Scotland's
last four
friendlies
at Hampden*



1 — Scotland 1, Switzerland 0, April 7th, 1976. Willie Pettigrew hits the winner.

2 — Scotland 1, Portugal 0, May 13th, 1975. Charlie Cooke goes close.

3 — Scotland 3, East Germany 0, October 30th, 1974. Dixie Deans is out-numbered on this occasion.

4 — Scotland 1, West Germany 1, November 14th, 1973. Franz Beckenbauer can't stop Jim Holton getting a header in at goal.

Motherwell's international Willie Pettigrew contributes to our preview of the friendly match between Scotland and Finland, to be played on Wednesday, September 8th, at Hampden Park.

The Scots can help themselves — and England, too!

WE can do England a real favour by thrashing the Finns. Imagine Scotland doing their old enemies a good turn!"

Those are the words of Motherwell goal-machine Willie Pettigrew and they are words of menace for Finland before their World Cup warm-up game.

Finland — hammered 4-1 at home by England in their first World Cup-tie — wanted to play Scotland to give them a second "feel" of British soccer in conditions they are likely to face at Wembley. But the preparations of the Finns could backfire on them.

"This is a vital game for Scotland, too," says Pettigrew, who ardently hopes he is selected by Willie Ormond to play in this game.

"We've got our World Cup matches against new European Champions Czechoslovakia and Wales coming up, so we will be out to impress the boss.

"We're all naturally feeling good after winning the British Championship with successive wins over Wales, Northern Ireland and England, but you are only as good as your last game so we must prove ourselves again.

"The Finns may not be a world-rated power, but teams like this can always make things extremely difficult for you. They can run and fight and try to prevent you from getting into your stride.

"The one thing we will be watching particularly about them will be the way their big centre-back Tulsa plays. I know he is their only full-time member and he plays in the

Belgian First Division.

"Apparently his style is like that of Ondrus, the giant number five of Czechoslovakia. He is quick to challenge, good in the air and on the ground, and likes to move up whenever there is a chance to do so.

"That's the way Ondrus played it during the European Championships. Who can forget his wonderful headed goal against Holland in the Semi-Finals? That really was a magnificent effort. I know he put through his own-goal for the equaliser, but he didn't let that upset him. He still got on with his job and helped his country win 3-1 in extra-time.

"So playing against Tulsa may give us an insight into what to

expect from Ondrus.

"We want to win this one — and convincingly. If we send the Finns on to Wembley afraid of what to expect from England then we have done our jobs."

Pettigrew certainly knows how to do his job at international level. After scoring several fine goals for the Under-23 side he was promoted into the senior team for the friendly against Switzerland in April.

The game was only two minutes old when the lethal Pettigrew had struck with devastating efficiency — running between the goalkeeper and a defender to hit a lob from Kenny Dalglish high into the net.

Not surprisingly, Pettigrew's second goal for Scotland came in his next appearance — this time against Wales at Hampden. About 35 yards out, he turned superbly away from lunging Welsh full-back Joey Jones and he simply fired an unstoppable drive in at the post for the opening goal in the 3-1 victory.

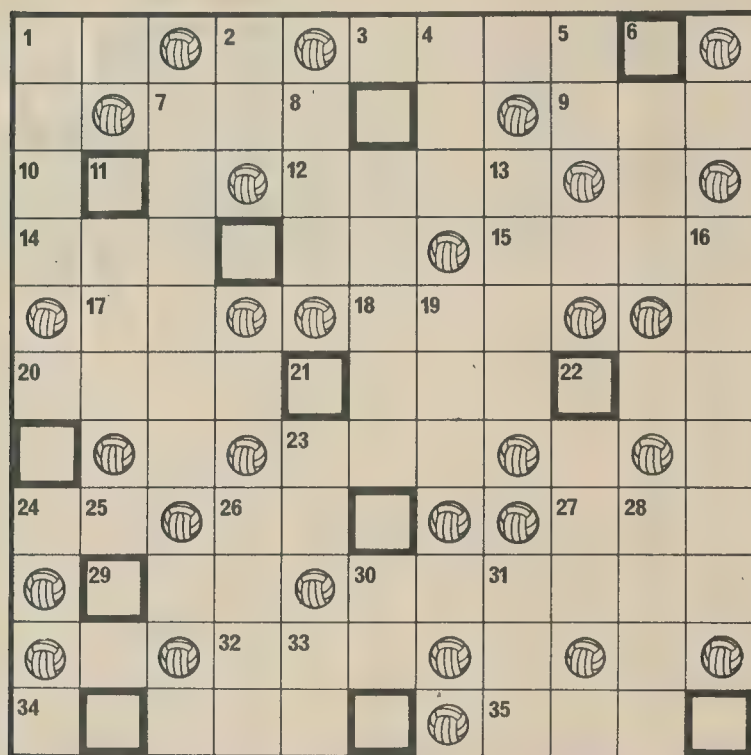
Pettigrew will be looking for more like that against the Finns on Wednesday.

Willie Pettigrew (top of page) hammers in a goal for Scotland against Wales. The super Scots (below) celebrate their British Championship victory.



Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Leeds United player. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:

- (1) Rug-- Park, home of Kilmarnock.
- (3) Alan —, Stoke City defender.
- (7) Bobby —, former West Ham and England captain.
- (9) — Kilbowie Park, Clydebank.
- (10) Steve P-r-ym-n of Spurs.
- (12) Bird part, or one side of the pitch!
- (14) Used for producing loud wailing sounds — for alarms or salutes.
- (15) Sw--don --wn, from County Ground.
- (17) — Andrews, Birmingham City's ground.
- (18) Label, game or wrestling team.
- (20) Tottenham Hotspur defender. (5 & 6)
- (23) --m Par-, home of Reading.
- (24) --bby Stiles; one of the holders of a 1966 World Cup winners medal.
- (26) A curve made from the missing letters in Lou Ma---i of Manchester United.
- (27) --yn-c-rtle Park, Hearts' ground.
- (22) Annoy or aggravate.
- (30) Bill —, Burnley midfielder.
- (32) Dennis Tu--r- of Manchester City.

- (34) — Road, home of Crewe Alexandra.

- (35) Graham —, Charlton Athletic 'keeper.

DOWN:

- (1) The —, nickname of Brentford.
- (2) Graham Pad--n of West Ham.
- (3) The Robins, from Ashton Gate. (7 & 4)
- (4) — Shackleton, former famous name with Newcastle United.
- (5) Chris J--es of Spurs.
- (6) Cease from exertion or action.
- (7) Ray —, Birmingham City full-back last season.
- (8) Gary --e- of Manchester City.
- (11) Get up; after a fall perhaps.
- (13) — Lane, Bury's ground.
- (16) — Athletic, The Latics.
- (19) --yre-ome Par-, Middlesbrough.
- (20) — Hibbitt, Wolves midfielder player.
- (21) Kevin --cto- of Derby County.
- (22) Arbr-- from Gayfield Park.
- (25) Albi-n Ro--s from Cliftonhill Park.
- (26) Chops down — or removes.
- (28) — End Park, home of Dunfermline.
- (31) Colin Sug--t of Norwich City.
- (33) Jack -shurs- of Sunderland.



Gordon in action during his full England debut against Italy in the Bicentennial match in America.

AS I write this week's column I don't know if I've been selected for the England team to meet the Republic of Ireland at Wembley next Wednesday (September 8th).

If I'm not, then I'll be the most disappointed player in Britain, because wearing the white shirt of England means everything to me.

Naturally, I hope Don Revie picks the same squad we had for the Bicentennial trip to America and the World Cup-tie in Finland.

They were a fabulous set of lads. Everybody got on so well together. The spirit was sheer magic.

Out of all the players in the squad, the one that impressed me the most was my mucker, Mick Mills.

I roomed with the Ipswich star and got to know him really well.

Mickey is a great lad. What he lacks in skill he more than makes up for with heart, fight and determination.

Several critics have said Mick's not international class — but he's never let England down and he never will. He'll "die" for Don Revie.

Mick was one of the stars of England's 4-1 World Cup victory in Finland on Sunday June 13th.

It was a fine win, but we mustn't let the result go to our heads. Finland had several chances and could easily have made the final score 4-3.

England still have a long way to go before we meet Italy. As everyone knows that will be the vital clash.

Despite our super 3-2 win against the Italians in that ill-tempered Bicentennial match in the Yankee Stadium — when I made my full international debut — not many neutrals give much for our chances, out in Rome in November.

Me? I'd back Don Revie and this present England squad all the way to the World Cup Finals in Argentina in two years' time.

Next week's friendly international will be the ideal test for



Orient's Tony Grealish has appeared at Wembley on two occasions ... but not to play football.

England's World Cup hopes.

They won't be coming to Wembley — their first visit for 19 years — to lose. Johnny Giles' outfit will be aiming to keep up their brilliant form of last season when they won all their three games with a goal average of 9-0.

There's no way Eire will lack support at Wembley where all Irish eyes will be looking for a repeat of their historic 2-0 win at Goodison Park on September 21st, 1949.

While we know their present squad of players and respect their

my soccer scene
**GORDON
HILL**



'EIRE — A GOOD TEST FOR ENGLAND'

past record there can only be one result for England — a win.

I was talking to United's Republic of Ireland stars 'keeper Paddy Roche and midfielder Gerry Daly — no, he's not a German newspaper — and they assure me England are in for a real shock next week.

They reminded me that nations such as Russia, Chile, Poland, Turkey, Switzerland and Norway have all been beaten in the past two years and the two defeats — by Russia and the Swiss — have only been by the odd goal.

Gerry was also quick to point out that Q.P.R. striker Don Givens has scored ten goals in his last eight internationals and now holds the Republic's all-time scoring record with 15 in 32 games.

Okay, not bad statistics but I still stand by my earlier forecast — a win for England.

There's one vital aspect which could help beat the Irish — their lack of Wembley experience. Believe me, it counts for a lot.

I realise that if selected this will only be my second appearance at the stadium but many of the other England players have played there often enough.

I was working it out with Paddy Roche that out of the last



Gordon got to know Mick Mills very well this summer.

Eire squad only six had played there before — and one of the six, Tony Grealish of Orient, wasn't even involved in soccer.

Apparently Tony has played at Wembley twice — in Gaelic football tournaments!

From the friendly international scene now, back to the serious matter of the League Championship and Manchester United's match against Tottenham at Old Trafford this Saturday (September 4th).

Some United fans may think that just because I'm a Londoner I hold some affection for Spurs.

I can assure them I don't — they're just another team to me, one United must beat.

In fact, last January Spurs almost cost me the friendship of the best man at my wedding, Steve Armitage, an architect.

Steve is a Tottenham fanatic and before United's visit to White Hart Lane last term he jokingly asked me not to play too well against them because his team then needed the points to stay clear of relegation.

But inside four minutes of the match I scored direct from a corner. John Duncan equalised in the second-half to snatch a point, but that wasn't good enough for

Sammy McIlroy on the attack v Spurs last season. The Londoners face United at Old Trafford this Saturday.

my pal Steve.

After the match he refused to talk to me. I couldn't believe it. He looked as though he was going to kill me.

Fortunately, he was only kidding and we had a quiet drink later on. But he had me fooled for a while.

In last season's corresponding game at Old Trafford on 6th September, 1975, United won 3-2. I can't comment on the game because I hadn't yet joined the club.

That particular afternoon I was scoring a late winning goal for Millwall v Hereford United at The Den.

From what I have seen of Spurs, though, I'd rate them a good up-and-coming side.

They're starting a new season with a new boss, Steve Burkinshaw, so they'll be all out to prove something. A victory at Old Trafford would be the ideal morale booster for Mr. Burkinshaw — but they won't get it.

I can't see Tottenham as serious title challengers this season — maybe next term.

But who are United's main rivals for the Championship?

Liverpool, obviously. They're so strong and powerful with Kevin Keegan. If Kev is below par or gets injured, Liverpool could slip.

Most pre-season tipsters chose Liverpool, and Derby, Q.P.R., Manchester City, Ipswich Town and Leeds United.

I'll go along with all those — apart from Leeds. They're going through a rebuilding process at the moment and that's a difficult time for any club.

I'm not saying Leeds will be relegated — only that this could be a hard, long, unrewarding season for them.

Join me next week when I'll be talking about United's U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against Ajax in Amsterdam. See you ...

Gordon Hill

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Pat Ashley of Beechwood, Middlesbrough, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

YOU'RE WRONG, STUART

STUART Pearson's handful of caps seem to have gone to his head in more ways than one, judging from his ill-founded criticism of "old style" centre-forwards.

"From what I've seen, they used to live in the penalty-area and do little else," he said in your magazine.

May I remind the Manchester United star that one of his predecessors, Arthur Rowley, was a roving centre-forward.

I'm sure Stuart's boss Tommy Docherty could tell him that when Tom Finney took over the number nine shirt he certainly didn't confine his genius to the penalty-box.

Nor did other old-timers like Stan Mortensen, Roy Bentley... and Bobby Charlton.

Stuart's been watching the wrong films!

● The greatest striker I've ever seen is Gerd Müller who only plays in the penalty-area. If Stuart emulates Der Bomber, Tommy Docherty and Don Revie will be delighted.

Go home

I SAW the Arsenal/Ipswich game last season and I heard a Town fan shout: "Go back to Liverpool" to David Johnson.

Now, he's done just that — to Liverpool, not Everton of course.

I thought he was Ipswich's best forward.

GARY MAKI-ARVELA, LONDON.

● I'll be interested to see how David does at Anfield. It seemed a very surprising transfer to me.

Roy's beard

SUNDERLAND manager Bob Stokoe is about a century out of date. Fancy banning Roy Greenwood from the official team-group because the winger has a beard.

I thought this stupid attitude was dead and buried. It isn't as if Greenwood's beard is untidy.

SUSAN RYDER, HOUGHTON LE SPRING.



● Here, here. If Greenwood's beard (see above) stops him scoring then Stokoe can moan. I'd have thought the Sunderland boss would have had more important things on his mind.

No kick

HOW CAN Scottish fans enjoy their soccer? Supporters of Celtic and Rangers can't get a kick out of winning any more and the other teams must know they don't have a chance of stopping the Big Two.

RAYMOND QUINN, KENNINGTON.

● I've yet to meet a fan who is tired of his team winning.

Down and up

I'M A Sheffield United supporter but I think Jim Brown was exaggerating in SHOOT/GOAL when he said Blades went down like Champions.

One thing I'm sure of, though — Blades will go UP like Champions next May!

MATTHEW PICKLES, SHEFFIELD.

● Don't just say Brown... say promotion!

Saints omen

THE LOSERS of the 1974 and 1975 Charity Shields — Leeds and West Ham — both went on to reach European Finals. A good omen for Southampton this season?

PETER SOLYNSKYJ, BRADFORD.

● Perhaps — but both Leeds and West Ham lost those Finals, of course. I reckon Saints will do well to reach the last four.

Pen-pal

I am a 19-year-old boy from Denmark and I hope a Queens Park Rangers fan will write to me.

JAN KRISTOFFERSEN, TRANEGARDSVEJ 29E, 2900 HELLERUP, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK.



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BIRMINGHAM CITY

COMPILED BY JOHN FYKE



THE fans of city rivals Aston Villa claim that B.B.C. Television are filming the next series of "The Survivors" at St. Andrews.

Behind their biting sarcasm lies more than a grain of truth, final positions of 19th, 17th and 19th for Birmingham in the last three seasons hardly inspires confidence that the tide will turn this term.

Add the disturbing fact that star player Trevor Francis wants to leave the club and you will appreciate that their supporters needed some good cheer.

Manager Willie Bell, determined to lift the club, gave them some hope when he signed striker Gary Jones from Everton for £100,000 and recouped most of the money by selling Bob Hatton to Blackpool and John Roberts to Wrexham. But it will be an anxious season for club and fans.

DATE FOUNDED:

1875 as Small Heath Alliance
1905 as Birmingham
1945 as Birmingham City

PRINCIPAL HONOURS GAINED:

Division Two Champions — 1893, 1921, 1948, 1955.
Football League Cup Winners — 1963.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CAREER:

Division Two — 1892-94; Division One — 1894-96;
Division Two — 1896-1901; Division One — 1901-02;
Division Two — 1902-03; Division One — 1903-08;
Division Two — 1908-1921; Division One — 1921-39;
Division Two — 1946-48; Division One — 1948-50;
Division Two — 1950-55; Division One — 1955-65;
Division Two — 1965-1972; Division One — 1972-onwards.



Former England star Harry Hibbs.



St. Andrews pin-up boy Trevor Francis.

LEAGUE AND F.A. CUP RECORD SINCE THE WAR

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated;
W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists;
Q/F — Quarter-Finalists)

SEASON	LEAGUE: Division & placing	F.A. CUP
1945-46	—	S/F
1946-47	2 — 3rd	Q/F
1947-48	2 — 1st (P)	3rd
1948-49	1 — 17th	3rd
1949-50	1 — 22nd (R)	3rd
1950-51	2 — 4th	S/F
1951-52	2 — 3rd	4th
1952-53	2 — 6th	Q/F
1953-54	2 — 7th	4th
1954-55	2 — 1st (P)	Q/F
1955-56	1 — 6th	F
1956-57	1 — 12th	S/F
1957-58	1 — 13th	3rd
1958-59	1 — 9th	5th
1959-60	1 — 19th	3rd
1960-61	1 — 19th	5th
1961-62	1 — 17th	3rd
1962-63	1 — 20th	3rd
1963-64	1 — 20th	3rd
1964-65	1 — 22nd (R)	3rd
1965-66	2 — 10th	4th
1966-67	2 — 10th	Q/F
1967-68	2 — 4th	S/F
1968-69	2 — 7th	5th
1969-70	2 — 18th	3rd
1970-71	2 — 9th	3rd
1971-72	2 — 2nd (P)	S/F
1972-73	1 — 10th	3rd
1973-74	1 — 19th	4th
1974-75	1 — 17th	S/F
1975-76	1 — 19th	3rd

MOST FULL INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES:

Harry Hibbs — 25 for England

HIGHEST LEAGUE GOALSCORER:

Aggregate — Joe Bradford
249 (1920-35)
Season — Joe Bradford 29
(Division One, 1927-28)

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES:

Gil Merrick — 486 (1946-60)



Manager Willie Bell.

LEAGUE CUP AND EUROPEAN RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists;
Q/F — Quarter-Finalists; E — European Cup; C — Cup-Winners' Cup; U — U.E.F.A. or Fairs Cup; DNC — Did not compete)

In the first ever Fairs Cup which took three years from 1955-58, City reached the Semi-Finals before losing to Barcelona. In the second Fairs Cup competition which was held between 1958-60, City were losing Finalists to Barcelona.

SEASON	LEAGUE CUP Round reached	EUROPE Round reached
1960-61	3rd	F
1961-62	1st	2nd
1962-63	W	DNC
1963-64	2nd	DNC
1964-65	2nd	DNC
1965-66	2nd	DNC
1966-67	S/F	DNC
1967-68	3rd	DNC
1968-69	2nd	DNC
1969-70	2nd	DNC
1970-71	4th	DNC
1971-72	2nd	DNC
1972-73	4th	DNC
1973-74	5th	DNC
1974-75	2nd	DNC
1975-76	3rd	DNC

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BIRMINGHAM CITY



BACK ROW (left to right): Peter Witha, Dave Latchford, Steve Smith, Joe Gallagher.

CENTRE ROW: Willie Bell (manager), Jim Williams (physio), John Emmanuel, Terry Hibbitt, Malcolm Page, Gary Jones, Steve Bryant.



Syd Owen (assistant manager), Clifford Coombs (chairman).
FRONT ROW: Garry Pendrey, Archie Styles, Kenny Burns, Howard
Kendall, Jimmy Calderwood, Tony Want.



ABOVE ... Howard Kendall, who has taken over as skipper again.
BELOW ... Birmingham beat Spurs 3-1 at White Hart Lane last season, a rare away win.



FIRST LEAGUE MATCH:

Then Small Heath:—
(Home) September 3rd,
1892 — beat Burslem Port
Vale 5-1.
(Away) September 10th,
1892 — beat Walsall Town
Swifts 3-1.

RECORD VICTORY:

12-0 v Walsall Town Swifts,
Division Two, December
17th, 1892 and v Doncaster
Rovers, Division Two, April
11th, 1903.

RECORD DEFEAT:

1-9 v Sheffield Wednesday,
Division One, December
13th, 1930.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:

59 in Division Two, 1947-48.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN A SEASON:

103 in Division Two,
1893-94 (only 28 games)

PEN-PICTURES OF BIRMINGHAM CITY'S FIRST-TEAM SQUAD

(L. App: — League Appearances.
G: — Goals. S: — Substitute. All
records to end of 1975/76
season)

STEVE BRYANT: London born
defender signed professional in
July, 1971 by City. Born Isling-
ton. Ht.5.8. Wt.10.4. L. App:—
34 & 2 sub. G:—1.

KENNY BURNS: Versatile player
signed professional in July,
1971. Two Scottish Under-23
caps and four Scottish full caps.
Born Glasgow. Ht.5.10½.
Wt.11.0. L. App:—127 & 7 sub.
G:—26.

JIMMY CALDERWOOD: Mid-
field player signing professional

in July, 1972. One Scottish
Under-23 cap. Born Glasgow.
Ht.5.9. Wt.11.0. L. App:—52 &
5 sub. G:—3.

GARY EMMANUEL: Striker who
signed professional in July,
1971. One Welsh Under-23 cap.
Born Swansea. Ht.5.8. Wt.10.8.
L. App:—19 & 1 sub. G:—2.

TREVOR FRANCIS: Goalscoring
sensation when only 16, Francis
(unavailable for SHOOT/GOAL
colour photo) is a brilliant striker
or midfield player, signed profes-
sional in April, 1971. Five
England Under-23 appearances.
Born Plymouth. Ht.5.9. Wt.11.7.
L. App:—186 & 1 sub. G:—69.

JOE GALLAGHER: Tall centre-
back signed professional in Janu-
ary, 1972. Born Liverpool.
Ht.6.2. Wt.11.3. L. App:—100 &
5 sub. G:—6.

TERRY HIBBITT: Midfield player
signed from Newcastle on Sep-
tember 1st, 1975 for —
£100,000. Born Bradford.
Ht.5.6. Wt.9.10. L. App:—
Leeds 32 & 13 sub, Newcastle
138, Birmingham 27. G:—Leeds
9, Newcastle 7, Birmingham 3.

GARY JONES: Striker costing
—£100,000 when signed from
Everton in July, 1976. Born
Liverpool. Ht.5.9. Wt.11.7. L.
App:—Everton 76 & 6 sub.
G:—Everton 13.

HOWARD KENDALL: Part of the
transfer deal that took Bob
Latchford to Everton, Howard
signed for City in February,
1974. Six England Under-23
appearances. Born Durham.
Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 10.9. L. App:
—Preston 104, Everton 227 &
3 sub, Birmingham 90.
G:—Preston 13, Everton 21,
Birmingham 13.

DAVE LATCHFORD: Goalkeeper
signed professional in July,
1966. Born Birmingham. Ht.6.2.

Wt.12.9. L. App:—175.

MALCOLM PAGE: Long-serving
defender signed professional in
September, 1964. Six Welsh
Under-23 caps and 18 full caps
for Wales. Born Knicklas, Rads.
Ht.5.9. Wt.10.11. L. App:—231
& 10 sub. G:—9.

GARY PENDREY: Defender
starting his tenth season as a
professional, having signed on
October 13th, 1966. Born Birm-
ingham. Ht.5.9. Wt.11.0. L.
App:—217 & 13 sub. G:—3.

STEVE SMITH: Young reserve
goalkeeper to Dave Latchford
and made his League debut
against Liverpool at St. Andrews
on March 13th, 1976. Born
Lynde. Ht.6.0. Wt.12.5. L.
App:—2.

ARCHIE STYLES: Defender who
came to Birmingham together
with Howard Kendall in the
Latchford transfer deal in Febru-
ary, 1974. Born Liverpool.
Ht.5.9. Wt.11.0. L. App:—Ever-
ton 22 & 1 sub, Birmingham 42
& 2 sub. G:—Birmingham 2.

TONY WANT: Defender signed
from Tottenham Hotspur in May,
1972, for a £50,000 transfer
fee. Born London. Ht.5.7.
Wt.11.1. L. App:—Tottenham
46 & 4 sub, Birmingham 51 & 3
sub. G:—Birmingham 1.

PETER WITHE: Tall striker sign-
ed from Wolves in Aug., 1975.
Born Liverpool. Ht.6.3. Wt.12.0.
L. App:—Southport 3, Barrow 1,
Wolverhampton W 12 & 5 sub,
Birmingham 32. G:— Wolver-
hampton W 3, Birmingham 9.

League Fixtures 1976-77

Aug.	21	A	— Manchester United 2-2
Aug.	24	H	— Leeds United
Aug.	28	H	— Liverpool
Sept.	4	A	— Norwich City
Sept.	11	H	— West Bromwich Albion
Sept.	18	A	— Aston Villa
Sept.	25	A	— Coventry City
Oct.	2	H	— Derby County
Oct.	9	A	— Tottenham Hotspur
Oct.	16	H	— Middlesbrough
Oct.	23	A	— Newcastle United
Oct.	30	H	— Queens Park Rangers
Nov.	6	A	— Arsenal
Nov.	12	H	— Ipswich Town
Nov.	20	A	— Stoke City
Nov.	27	H	— Manchester City
Dec.	4	A	— Leicester City
Dec.	11	H	— Sunderland
Dec.	18	A	— Everton
Dec.	27	H	— West Ham United

1977

Jan.	1	H	— Arsenal
Jan.	15	A	— Leeds United
Jan.	22	H	— Manchester United
Feb.	1	A	— Liverpool
Feb.	12	H	— Norwich City
Feb.	18	A	— West Bromwich Albion
Feb.	26	H	— Aston Villa
Mar.	5	H	— Coventry City
Mar.	12	A	— Derby County
Mar.	19	H	— Tottenham Hotspur
Mar.	22	A	— Queens Park Rangers
Mar.	20	A	— Middlesbrough
Apr.	2	H	— Newcastle United
Apr.	8	A	— West Ham United
Apr.	9	H	— Bristol City
Apr.	11	A	— Ipswich Town
Apr.	16	H	— Stoke City
Apr.	23	A	— Manchester City
Apr.	30	H	— Leicester City
May	7	A	— Sunderland
May	14	H	— Everton

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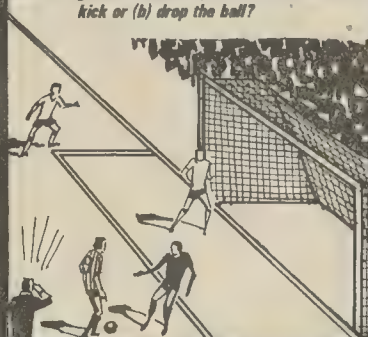
1

An attacker shoots for goal. The ball strikes a photographer, sitting on the goal-line. It rebounds, touches a defender and goes into the goal. Do you (a) award a goal-kick, (b) a goal or (c) drop the ball?



2

Immediately after stopping play, for off-side, you realise that there are two defenders between the attacker and the goal-line. Should you (a) award the free-kick or (b) drop the ball?



3



An attacker attempts to kick the ball held by the goalkeeper. You stop play to award a free-kick for dangerous play. A defender then strikes the attacker. After dismissing the defender do you (a) award a free-kick to his team, (b) an indirect free-kick to the attackers or (c) a penalty-kick?

4



A: From a corner-kick the ball is punched into his own goal by a defender, before another attacker touches it. You award a goal.



B: The defending captain then informs you that the scorer was the goalkeeper but he has changed places with a team-mate without advising you. You caution the scorer and the goalkeeper and restart with a drop ball. (Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS

1. Drop the ball (c) at the place where it struck the photographer because it did not cross the line. 2. Play should be restarted with an indirect free-kick to the defending team (a). 3. Both players are correctly cautioned but the goal must be allowed. In A there is no problem. It is not necessary for a second player to touch the ball for a goal to be scored from a corner-kick.

4. The problem is in B. Both the scorer and the goalkeeper must be cautioned for dangerous play. The match must be restarted with a drop ball.

SHOOT-IN AT STAN

Every week Stan Lover answers your letters on problems arising from all aspects of the Laws of the game.

GOALIE, DON'T MOVE

"Is it true that, many years ago, when penalty-kicks were taken, the goalkeeper could leave the goal-line, run forward and wave his arms about to distract the penalty-taker?" asks Arshad Mtr, of Bedford.

The answer is: Yes. Between 1891 and 1905 the 'keeper could advance from the goal-line a maximum distance of six yards.

His movement was restricted, in 1905, to walking or running along the goal-line. It was not until 1929 that the present Law, which requires the goalkeeper to stand on the goal-line without moving his feet, was introduced.

The purpose of this restriction is to reduce the possibilities of unfair actions by the goalkeeper which could influence the result of the penalty-kick.

Bearing in mind that a penalty is awarded for an intentional act of foul play, or handling the ball, inside the offender's own penalty-area, most followers of the game would agree that restricting the movement of the goalkeeper, before a penalty is taken, is just.

DIRECT OR INDIRECT, REF?

"How does a referee decide whether to award a direct, or indirect, free-kick?" is a basic question which comes from Alan Ridge, of Bursledon, Southampton.

Direct free-kick offences are clearly stated in Law 12. There are nine only. I listed these in my answer to a similar question, in our issue of 10th January, 1976, but, because of their importance, I repeat them as follows:—

Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent: Tripping: Jumping at an opponent: Charging violently or dangerously: Charging from behind: Striking or attempted striking: Holding: Pushing and handling the ball.

All other offences are punished by an indirect free-kick. Examples are Dangerous Play: Obstruction: Offside etc.

Whatever the offence the referee has to award the punishment laid down in the Laws.

HALF-TIME TEASER

Last week I asked whether a player can be replaced if a team-mate is sent-off after the kick-off signal but before the ball is kicked.

Answer: Yes. Because the match does not start until the ball is kicked.

This week's teaser may be difficult. A player cannot be offside if he receives the ball direct from a goal-kick, a corner-kick or a throw-in. Which is the fourth exception?

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AFTER the England team's flying start to a World Cup place by beating Finland 4-1 in Helsinki in June, we had one regret — we'd have to wait months for another match together.

What a marvellous testimony to the spirit prevailing in the present England squad — that we were ready and willing to play following a match-packed season with our clubs; the British Championship, the American Bicentennial tournament, and an opening, highly-pressurised World Cup qualifier against the Finns.

In my experience, there has never been such a feeling of confidence and solidarity in the England camp. And without being sycophantic, it's all down to the boss, Don Revie.

For two years since his appointment he has worked hard to build a group of players capable of blending together and challenging the World's best sides.

At last he's beginning to reap the rewards of his efforts.

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"England"



game against the Republic to strengthen our understanding before we take on the Finns at Wembley, who are also preparing for this vital match by playing Scotland in Glasgow on the same night.

Of course, the Scots could do us a big favour by winning, but if the



Johnny Giles has retired from playing for Eire.

'We have great respect for Johnny Giles'

Finns came out on top, their morale will receive a boost and we'll be in for a harder game at Wembley against them than we anticipate at the moment.

The Finns will be complete strangers to Wembley, but then many of our present squad have played only a handful of games at our national stadium.

I believe that a reason for England's lack of success is the fact the team simply does not play enough games. This is mainly because of the high number of games at club level.

To me, the remedy is simple. Reduce these by pruning the First Division to 18 or 20 clubs — something the Liverpool chairman, John Smith, advocated in SHOOT/GOAL a few weeks ago.

Foreign players I've exchanged notes with have been appalled at the playing programme of the average England International. Too many games — and none of them easy.

Even friendlies, such as the coming one with the Republic, place heavy demands on us, for reasons of prestige and their importance in preparing for subsequent competitive matches.

Uninformed people probably regard next Wednesday's match as a comfortable run-out for an England team certain of victory.

They couldn't be more wrong. The Republic are a very under-rated team,

who have had some great results against top countries.

They beat Poland earlier this year — and in Poland, too. Before that they were very unlucky not to progress to the final stages of the European Championship, after defeating Russia, the eventual winners of their group, 3-0 at home, and losing only 2-1 away.

So we won't be underestimating them. We have tremendous respect for any team assembled by Johnny Giles, one of the greatest players of this century with Leeds, who is proving such a force on the international and club scenes.

He took over West Bromwich Albion last season as player/manager, and despite the side's bad start took them to promotion to the First Division.

Johnny's keen football brain no doubt assimilated many of Don Revie's ideas when the England boss ran the show at Elland Road.

I'm pleased he's hung up his international boots and we won't have to worry about his presence on the field.

One of the fascinating things about international football is it gives you the experience of playing against club-mates.

Lining-up amongst the green shirts will be Liverpool's Steve Heighway, a player who is sometimes not given the credit he deserves by the Press and

a nightmare patch last season for United before manager Tommy Docherty spared him further humiliation and reinstated Alex Stepney. Against Liverpool at Anfield he was unfortunately responsible for two of the three goals he let in to give us the points.

However, Paddy has performed well for his country, and I'm convinced he has the ability and strength of character to challenge Alex for the club spot again.

As one of his full-backs he'll have another Paddy — Paddy Mulligan — who played a big part in West Brom's promotion after being rescued from Crystal Palace by Johnny Giles.

I was surprised at the omission from the squad of Ray Treacy, whom Johnny had signed for his club from Preston.

The Republic's dangerman is Don Givens of Q.P.R. Don has a deceptive style, tending to drift out of a game for long periods, and causing defenders to relax their marking sufficiently for him to get clear and score.

His ability to seize chances in the penalty box put him in the Jimmy Greaves/Gerd Muller class.

Exciting Potential

When you combine the players I've mentioned with the likes of Terry Conroy of Stoke, Gerry Daly of Manchester United, and Donal Murphy of Coventry, you realise the Republic have a team of exciting potential.

At the time of writing, of course, I don't know their line-up, or ours. Don Revie may well field the side that beat Finland — it was the best-balanced England side I've ever played in — or bring in some of those, like Kevin Beattie, who were injured and are now fit.

I'd like to think that fans of both countries will turn out in large numbers for a game which promises to be packed with action and skill.

There should be plenty of goals — with England getting the lion's share!

If Donal Murphy plays it'll be his second hard game in five days, for on the previous Saturday, September 4th, his club, Coventry, come to Anfield for a League match.

I missed the corresponding game last year due to an ankle injury, and although I went along to watch I actually saw only the first and last ten minutes.

I spent the intervening time getting my Dad's car, which had given trouble on the way over from Doncaster, repaired at a nearby garage.

Apparently, I didn't miss much. According to my companions the game was a dull, uninspiring affair.

I was surprised, as Larry Lloyd, their centre-half, always wants to shine and so prove the club were wrong to release him.

The score, by the way, was 1-1.

I've a feeling this game will give the fans plenty to cheer about — and not just because I'll be playing, either.

Wish me luck — unless you're a Republic of Ireland or Coventry supporter. Or both!

Kevin Keegan



Kevin scores his second and England's fourth against Finland in June

'Our Helsinki team was the best-balanced I've played in'

public.

Over the last three or four years, John Toshack and myself have had more publicity and praise than Steve, yet he is every bit as important to Liverpool as either of us. In fact, we would be less effective without him around. He gives the team width, and we tend to build-up attacks on him.

We failed to win a match in our pre-season tour of Holland partly because of his absence through injury.

Steve has been ribbing me, Phil Thompson and Ray Clemence all week about the game. If we lose, he'll never allow us to forget it.

I was interested to see that Johnny Giles has included three Arsenal players in his squad — David O'Leary, Frank Stapleton and Liam Brady. Of that trio, Brady is certain to play.

Steve tells me that Liam operates in the centre of the midfield for his country, where he revels in the responsibility and dominates the action. If he plays well, then the team plays well.

At Arsenal, they tend to shove him out on the left-side, where he is nowhere near as effective.

He'll be one of the players we'll be watching out for.

In goal will be Paddy Roche of Manchester United, who went through

● In Sheffield they put their money where their mouths are—in a mid-summer auction, a £20 Sheffield United share fetched £290 and a £10 Sheffield Wednesday share (remember they were nearly relegated last term) changed hands for £235.

Oldham's new-boys

SECOND Division Oldham Athletic were busy in the transfer market during the close-season in an all-out bid to win promotion this term.

Here are three of their new stars from left to right... David Irving and John Hurst (both from Everton) and former Sunderland striker Vic Halom.



SPORT FOR ALL

ON SUNDAY September 12th, HRH Prince Philip will launch a national Sport for All Day, when a series of sports events will begin simultaneously in more than a dozen cities and towns, throughout Britain.

The Week is the brainchild of two Sports Council members, Jimmy Hill and Olympic hurdler Alan Pascoe.

A variety of sports, including soccer, cricket, golf and riding will be demonstrated mainly in city parks like Hyde Park, London.

* Other venues are Leeds, Merseyside, Nottingham, Norwich, Birmingham, Bath,

Oxford, Tyneside, Edinburgh, Cardiff, and Belfast.

There will also be a programme of events at sports centres such as Crystal Palace in London and Lilleshall, Shropshire.



NORTHERN Ireland's Match of the Day on Saturday (September 4th) is the big all-Belfast Ulster Cup clash between League Champions Crusaders and trophy-seeking Linfield at Seaview.

The Crus, who play Liverpool in the European Cup on September 15th, have won the League-style competition twice, in 1953-54 and 1963-64, while the Windsor Park club are this term trying for their 11th success.

In four exciting games between the two sides last season, Crusaders won two, 1-0 and 3-2 in the League, drew 1-1 in the Ulster Cup and lost 1-2 in the Co. Antrim Shield.

Saturday's encounter promises to be another thriller!



● Our photo shows Millwall's assistant-manager Theo Foley having a spot of light-hearted fun with Trevor Lee (right) and Phil Walker.

KEEN WALKER

PHIL WALKER, the Millwall midfielder whose arrival at The Den last season helped start the surge into the Second Division, left nothing to chance after injuring a knee late last term.

Walker, so keen to be in at the start of Millwall's Second Division campaign, often trained alone at The Den in his eagerness to be perfectly fit for this season.

He was signed as a professional by Millwall manager Gordon Jago along with striker Trevor Lee. Both were spotted playing for Athenian League club Epsom.

They were offered paid terms after trials and, fol-

lowing their signings, Millwall quickly started to climb the Third Division table.

The team, rated no-hopers in the promotion stakes last season, finally ended up winning the third place promotion spot behind Hereford United and Cardiff.

Lee and Walker are just two reasons why The Lions could be a roaring success this term.

— IT — HAPPENED THIS WEEK

IN 1973... Two of the 1966 England World Cup winning team linked up again when Preston manager Bobby Charlton signed Nobby Stiles from Middlesbrough for £20,000. Brian Clark was transferred from AFC Bournemouth to Millwall for £35,000. The Football League asked clubs to rearrange fixtures to help England prepare for the 1974 World Cup.

In 1974... After 39 years with Tottenham Hotspur, first as player and then manager, Bill Nicholson resigned. "There is no longer respect from players," said Bill. Brighton and Hove Albion issued a writ against former manager Brian Clough claiming he had broken his contract. West Ham paid £110,000 to Watford for striker Billy Jennings and later £45,000 for winger Keith Robson from Newcastle.

In 1975... Nobby Stiles was appointed chief coach at Preston. Roy Chapman became the new manager of Stockport Co. Falkirk appointed George Miller as their new manager. Barry Powell was transferred from Wolves to Coventry for £75,000. British Rail cancelled football specials after hooligans had again wrecked trains. Former Wales and Arsenal full-back Walley Barnes died after a short illness at the age of 55.

DISCIPLINED

ASTON VILLA manager Ron Saunders stands no nonsense at Villa Park as he demonstrated when he disciplined young Steve Hunt for an incident which occurred during a practice match.

Hunt was ordered off the field immediately and sent home. Later he was fined.

The teenager had been

reluctant to play in the match because of being left out of the pre-season tour party to Portugal.

Saunders rates Hunt a very promising player after his three First Division games at the end of last term.

The Villa manager said: "A club is nothing without internal discipline."

F.A. YEAR BOOK

● The Official F.A. Year Book 1976-77 (Pan Books, 95p) is now on sale and contains facts and figures on the clubs, fixtures, players, plus a ten year analysis of each club's home and away games.

GLENAVON striker Paul Malone hopes to regain his scoring touch this season.

Transferred from Linfield for £3,000 last term, 22-year-old Paul notched a century of goals for his former club, displaying the form which attracted the attention of several English sides.

Now, after an indifferent spell in 1975-76, this talented striker is determined to hit the headlines again in 1976-77.

ARSENAL defender Pat Rice is chasing a 16-year-old Northern Ireland 40-cap record for a full-back, held by Alf McMichael (Newcastle) since 1960 and equalled by Alex Elder (Burnley and Stoke) nine years later. With at least 13 big games lined up in the next two seasons, the 28-year-old Gunner could overtake the other two.

● If Mick Kearns (Walsall) right, David O'Leary (Arsenal), Tony Grealish (Orient) and Mick Walsh (Blackpool), line-up for the Republic of Ireland at Wembley next Wednesday (September 8th), it will mean that 15 of the 22 players on the field will be Englishmen!

All four were English-born and qualify for Eire because their parents are Irish—although, in the case of O'Leary, he spent most of his life in Ireland until he joined Arsenal.



MANSFIELD'S NEW PLAYER-MANAGER

PETER MORRIS knows his biggest task this season will be keeping up the goals tally at the club following the transfer of ace-scorer Ray Clarke to Sparta of Rotterdam.

Former Spurs free transfer player Clarke snatched 58 goals in two seasons at Field Mill before his £80,000 move.

Midfielder Morris also knows a bit about the goalscoring art. He had a near-eight-year spell at Mansfield before rejoining them via Ipswich and Norwich, and even as a wing-half in the Sixties he claimed ten goals in one season and 13 in another.

And as a schoolboy he smashed seven goals in a Cup Final!

'I'm enjoying playing again'

says

Martin Peters

FORMER West Ham, Spurs and England favourite Martin Peters, 33 this year, is "thoroughly enjoying" his football again with Norwich City.

He grabbed 13 goals for them last season and was one of the main reasons why The Canaries finished a highly-respectable tenth in their first term back in the top League.

Says Martin: "I found last term very enjoyable indeed. I was so much more relaxed after having had the pressures of skipping a team like Spurs taken away from me by my transfer.

The Future

"At my age I'm obviously thinking about the future, but if I can play as well this season as I did last I may well carry on for another year or so.

"I see no reason why Norwich shouldn't have another good season and get among the honours again. There is a great deal of flair in the side — and as you know we are firm believers in attacking football."



Murray in a hurry

EVERTON's signing from Republic of Ireland club Home Farm, Martin Murray, appeared in the second-half for his new club against his former team-mates in a recent pre-season friendly.

Here, we see Martin nearly scoring. Although he didn't get on the scoresheet, it did not matter because the Goodison Park club ran out easy winners to the tune of 6-0.

14-1 Halifax — "a good bet for promotion"

ALAN BALL could hardly have had a more unfortunate start to his first full season back in the managerial hot-seat at Halifax Town.

Before they had even started pre-season training two of his signings, Paul Gethin from Bolton and Bobby Hoy from Blackburn, were rushed into hospital for knee operations.

Said The Shay boss: "It's tough starting like this with new players, but the squad is taking shape and if I can slot a couple of things into place in the next few weeks I reckon we look a great Fourth Division promotion bet at the bookies' price 14-1."



Rod Stewart played for Scotland

ROCK SUPERSTAR Rod Stewart — who once swapped one of his many gold disc awards for one of Sandy Jardine's Scotland shirts — has at last made his big-time debut for Scotland.

No, Willie Ormond isn't about to reveal the most amazing World Cup secret weapon ever, but football-mad Rod flew into Scotland recently from Los Angeles to play for them in a Charity match against a team of former England stars at Ayr.

Rod, who almost signed professional forms once with Brentford, delighted the fans in the 3,000 crowd and there were screams from his girl followers every time he touched the ball.

Alas, Rod's international debut was not celebrated with a victory — England won 6-4 with Roger Hunt (3), Bobby Charlton (2) and George Eastham on the mark.

Scotland's goals were scored by ex-Celt Billy McNeill, former Rangers star Johnny Hubbard (penalty) and ex-Kilmarnock attackers Bertie Black and Jackie McNally.

Maybe Rod will write a song about it...

FULHAM'S players will know where to go now if they want some plastering done in the home.

Richard Teale, the goalkeeper the Craven Cottage club signed from Q.P.R., is a dab hand with a trowel.

Teale, who had three years as a professional with Rangers after service with amateurs Walton and Hershaw, is so pleased about his move.

"It was the best thing for me. I hardly got a look-in at Q.P.R. with Phil Parkes in such good form. I rate him the best 'keeper in the country," says 24-year-old Teale.



Argyle week

FOLLOWED by Jim Funnell, former Plymouth Argyle keeper, Tony Walters, Argyle's manager, arrives at Harpers Field (the club's training ground) to complete the recent Land's End to Plymouth "Meet The Cornish Fans" marathon.

It was the climax to the (H)all for Argyle Week — part of a scheme to help raise the £50,000 transfer fee for Brian Hall, who joined Plymouth from Liverpool. Fans were invited to look around Home Park, see the dressing-rooms, watch the team training and meet the players.

In fact, so many fans turned up at the ground, Tony Walters couldn't get in. He had to climb through a dressing room window.

OOPS! Motherwell, being tipped as outsiders for the Premier League title this season, were soon

brought down to earth on their summer tour of the Highland. The Fir Park men lost 1-0 to little Keith.

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Mike Docherty (left) was amazed when Manchester City asked him to join them. Tommy (below) . . . a proud dad.

One club may not have been big enough for the two of them but they're quite happy to share the city of Manchester.

Michael's move to Maine Road was a bit of a surprise considering he struggled to get into Burnley's relegation side last season. He admits: "I was amazed myself but I've never doubted my own ability."

"A lot of my troubles last season started when Joe Brown took over as manager. He dropped me from the side without giving me a single reason why, and for a time I couldn't even get a game in the reserves."

The move is particularly pleasing because it keeps Michael in the First Division while his former Turf Moor team mates will be playing in the Second.

MANCHESTER'S OTHER DOCHERTY

ONE Docherty is normally enough for any town. So spare a thought for Manchester, who are having to cope with TWO of them this season.

The Manchester fans are already used to Tommy Docherty of course, manager of United for the past three seasons.

But towards the end of last season Tommy's son Michael, 25, joined City on a free transfer from Burnley.

Said Michael: "It's a great move for me and I'm thrilled to be playing in the same town as my Dad. It should be quite an event when City meet United now."

Unfair

Tommy's reaction? "Delighted. Michael can play a bit and if he wasn't my son I'd think of signing him myself."

Docherty senior did have his son playing for him once before when manager of Chelsea. But as soon as Michael reached 16, he was shown the door, eventually signing for Burnley.

Explained Tommy: "It just wasn't fair on him. It doesn't matter how careful you are to be impartial, there's always someone ready to spread the poison when you've got your son playing for you."

The Dochertys in fact went to such lengths to prove there was no favouritism at Stamford Bridge that they rarely even spoke to each other.



"To be honest, I was really dreading playing in the Second Division again."

"City are a tremendous side. They won the League Cup last season and if they'd only shown a little better form away from home they would have been in the running for the Championship."

"Now I'm hoping I can do my bit to help improve the away form this

term. If so, we must be regarded as one of the favourites for all the major competitions."

Another thing that Michael will enjoy this term is playing every home game in front of massive, enthusiastic crowds, instead of the few thousand that normally attend Burnley's home games.

"At Turf Moor the only time we used to get good crowds was when we played sides like City. But now it will be week in and week out."

It's not quite certain where City manager Tony Book will play Docherty junior. But he'll probably use him in a defensive role. "I don't really mind where it is. I'll be happy to be in the side at all."

One decision Michael hasn't yet made is whether to move house to Manchester with his wife and two daughters, or make the daily 40-mile drive from Burnley.

But if he does, he needn't worry too much about cramping his Dad's style. Tommy lives just outside of town in Altrincham.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

SEPTEMBER 4th

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal v. Man. City
Aston Villa v. Ipswich
Bristol City v. Sunderland
Leeds United v. Derby County
Leicester City v. Everton
Liverpool v. Coventry
Man. United v. Tottenham
Middlesbrough v. Newcastle
Norwich City v. Birmingham
Q.P.R. v. West Bromwich
Stoke v. West Ham U.

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn v. Blackpool
Carlisle v. Hull
Fulham v. Bristol Rovers
Hereford v. Burnley
Luton v. Nottm. Forest
Millwall v. Chelsea
Notts County v. Bolton
Oldham v. Cardiff
Orient v. Plymouth
Southampton v. Sheffield Utd.
Wolves v. Charlton

THIRD DIVISION

Brighton v. Rotherham
Bury v. Tranmere
Chesterfield v. Swindon
Crystal Palace v. Chester
Gillingham v. Northampton
Lincoln v. Port Vale
Mansfield v. Grimsby
Oxford v. Preston
Peterborough v. York
Reading v. Walsall
Sheffield Wed. v. Portsmouth
Wrexham v. Shrewsbury

FOURTH DIVISION

Brentford v. Doncaster
Cambridge v. Watford
Colchester v. Exeter
Halifax v. Rochdale
Hartlepool v. Bournemouth
Newport v. Huddersfield
Swansea v. Barnsley
Torquay v. Aldershot

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v. Hearts
Celtic v. Rangers
Hibernian v. Dundee Utd.
Kilmarnock v. Motherwell
Partick v. Ayr Utd.

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Clydebank v. Arbroath
Dundee v. Dumbarton
Hamilton v. St. Johnstone
Montrose v. Morton
Queen of South v. Airdrie
Raith v. Falkirk
St. Mirren v. East Fife

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Albion v. Clyde
Berwick v. Cowdenbeath
Dunfermline v. Brechin
East Stirling v. Alloa
Forfar v. Meadowbank
Queen's Park v. Stranraer
Stenhousemuir v. Stirling

IN THE 1946-47 season, Bob Paisley was a member of the Liverpool team that brought the first post-War Division One Championship to Anfield — and now, almost 30 years later, the Merseysiders' manager can consider how his career as a player compared with his present illustrious one as team-boss.

And the comparison is not easy to make. The glamour of wearing a red shirt in front of a packed Kop, or guiding the side to success from the sidelines are both rewarding experiences which manager Paisley values highly.

He says: "Being a player is a much more individual thing than being in charge of a team. A player sinks or swims on the strength of his own performance, a manager has many other factors to take into account.



RIGHT . . . Bill Shankly and Bob Paisley share another triumph.

ABOVE . . . The promising David Fairclough.

"His first duty is to make his side a winning one, if possible, and he also has responsibilities to his directors and the supporters. And in my case, I think I was fortunate in making the transition from player to manager in stages.

"When I hung up my boots with Liverpool, I became trainer, coach, assistant-manager and then manager. And in each stage I learned something which proved useful to me in my present capacity.

"A trainer, for example, has a close relationship with his team, and gets to know and understand many of their problems. Then when I became coach I found that circumstances varied quite a lot to those of my playing days.

"I was coaching men who were close to my own playing era, and it was perhaps the most difficult stage of my Anfield career — being readily accepted by some of them."

But for Bob, his first preparation for soccer management came during his own spell as a player. The Liverpool manager at that time was the late George Kay, and some of his technique rubbed off on the present Anfield boss.

"From him I learned the differences between a manager's thinking and a player's. I firmly believe

that if George Kay had been managing today he would have been one of the greats.

"As a half-back, I concentrated on making my own game as effective as possible — from George I learned that a manager must concentrate on the strengths and weaknesses of every player on his books.

"Another differential between playing and management is leisure time. A player relaxes between games, while a manager accepts the fact that he can't."

Following in the footsteps of Bill Shankly at Liverpool, Paisley proved he was a worthy successor to the

BOB PAISLEY

describes his transition from Liverpool player to successful manager

dynamic Scot by piloting the Merseysiders to a repeat double triumph — the First Division Championship and the U.E.F.A. Cup in 1976.

Bob reflects: "It is a great thrill to win medals and Cups as a player, and as a manager. Yet I feel I derived most satisfaction when we won the League title and the U.E.F.A. Cup — this was because I felt I had to prove myself as a manager.

"There have been other satisfactions since taking over from Bill Shankly, the knowledge that the players and I have a good understanding with each other, plus the pleasure I gain from watching youngsters making their mark in the game.

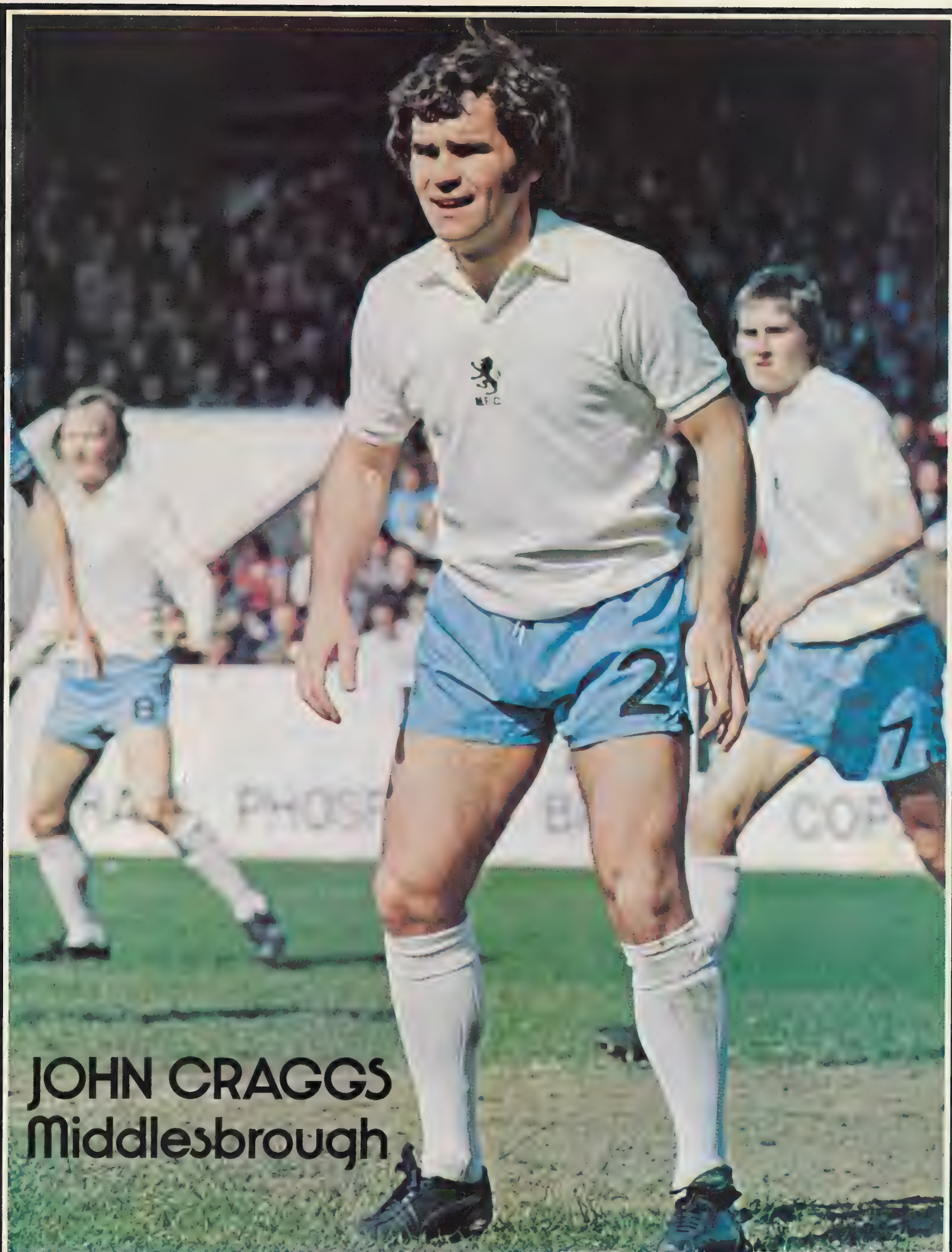
"Last season, it was the impact of David Fairclough late on that helped us to clinch our important League and Cup matches. His enthusiasm and vitality tipped the scales in our favour.

"Now there is another youngster waiting in the wings, ready to seize his first-team chance.

"He is 19-year-old Brian Kettle, who promises well for the future, and it is the emergence of players like him who give a manager the sort of satisfaction he could not gain as a player."

'Coaching—the most difficult phase of my Anfield career'





JOHN CRAGGS
Middlesbrough

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MICKEY WALSH

BLACKPOOL &
REPUBLIC OF
IRELAND

FULL NAME: Michael Anthony Walsh

BIRTHPLACE: Chorley

BIRTHDATE: 13th August, 1954

HEIGHT: 5ft 10 ins

WEIGHT: 11st 11lb

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None

MARRIED: Yes, to Christine

CHILDREN: None

CAR: Honda Civic

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Mike Channon

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Paul
Madeley

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My
international debut against Norway
SUGGEST 1 thing I brought in that
match:

LARGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Missing out of the 1982 World Cup

ONE PERSON I WOULD LIKE TO MEET:

Paul Gascoigne

FAVOURITE FOOD: Eggs, egg and
bacon

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Listening to
music, swimming

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Flying

Especially in a car, Porridge,

small green vegetables

FAVOURITE SINGER: Elton John,

Supertramp

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Steve

Moussieau, Diana Keen

BEST FRIEND: I don't have many

best friends, but would like to meet

Paul Gascoigne

IN CAREER:

Eddie Grayley, ex-Blackpool trainer

BIGGEST DRAG IN SPORT: Injuries

to my leg and back

PROFESSIONAL AMBITIONS: Two

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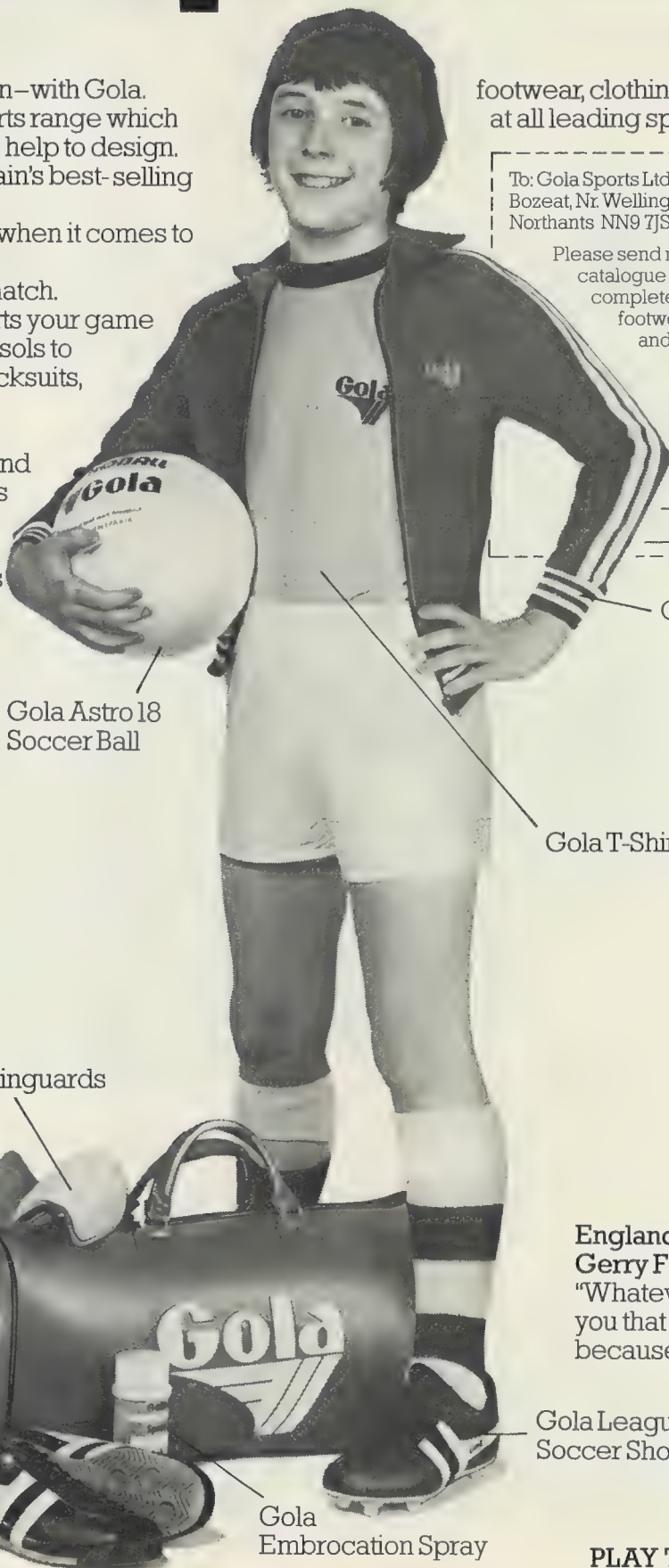
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PLAY TO WIN WITH GOLA

Poland manager steps down

KAZIMIERZ Gorski, who guided Poland to the most successful era in their soccer history, has been forced to resign due to ill health.

This is a bitter blow to the Poles, whose team has shown dreadful form this year.

Gorski has had several tempting offers from big-name Western clubs, but he told SHOOT/GOAL that he "will probably accept a post in Kuwait."

He continued: "I could not leave football completely, but the demands of being manager of Poland became too much."

"Anyway, I think it is wrong that a coach should stay in charge for more than five years. A change at the top brings new enthusiasm and new ideas."

Chances are Gorski will be suc-

ceeded by Jacek Gmoch, who was his assistant up to the 1974 World Cup Finals.

Gmoch went to the United States as a research scholarship holder, but would probably be keen to return.

Gorski's successor faces a tough task as Poland are nowhere near the force they were two years ago.

Top players such as Deyna and Tomaszewski have lost form and more players could follow Robert Gadocha to the West.

● Now, only four managers from the 16 Finalists of the 1974 World Cup Finals still hold their jobs: Willie Ormond (Scotland), Helmut Schoen (West Germany), George Buschner (East Germany) and George Ericsson (Sweden).



Gorski with a happy Gorgon, Domarski and "clown" Tomaszewski after ending England's 1974 World Cup dreams

3 games 13 goals 2 sent-off

THE FINAL of the Copa Libertadores — South American Cup — was an exciting affair this year.

Brazilians Cruzeiro won the first-leg against River Plate, the Argentinian Champions, 4-1.

In the return, however, River Plate scored after just nine minutes and began to pile on the pressure.

Against the run of play, Palhinha equalised for Cruzeiro, but Gonzalez hit the winner for River Plate in the 75th minute.

Oddly, goal-difference doesn't count in this competition so the teams had to play a third game in neutral Chile.

Cruzeiro won the decider 3-2 and are now Champions of South America.

The play-off sounded a lively clash — the Chilean referee Senor Martinez cautioned five players and sent-off two, Alonso of River Plate and Ronaldo of Cruzeiro.

Taxing problem in Spain

● A nifty trick used by top Spanish clubs to cheat the taxman has recently been brought to light. The system is quite simple

really. One set of papers is produced — including the player's contract — giving falsely low figures for the transfer fee and the player's future salary.

This "official" set of papers is lodged with the Spanish F.A. and subsequently forwarded to the taxman.

Meanwhile, the clubs sign another set of papers which give the real figures. This private contract is kept a closely-guarded secret, and the man to lose out is the taxman.

WORLD WIDE



URUGUAYAN club Penarol usually make a summer tour of Europe every year. But this time round, the club say they can't meet the financial demands of their players.

They tried to back out of the game against Celtic, and they cut the rest of their programme down to three summer tournaments in Spain, using a squad of only 15 players, many of them reserves.

The Penarol directors explain that every summer the players chat to their Spanish colleagues, and after hearing about the fabulous money offered in Spain, start demanding huge salary increases.

GERMAN RECORD

BORUSSIA Dortmund returned to the West German Bundesliga — with a record. Before the new season had started, they sold season tickets to the value of 1.5 million marks (£325,000) ... a new German record.

European Champions Bayern Munich sold tickets worth £175,000 while Champions Borussia Mönchengladbach netted £100,000.

Dortmund invested almost half of their money in coloured striker Erwin Kostedde from Hertha Berlin, who cost £150,000.



Kostedde had a dream debut, scoring twice in Borussia's shock 4-3 win in Hamburg.

ret, and the man to lose out is the taxman.

The dodge came to light after the record-breaking transfer of Paraguayan-born striker Diarte from Real Zaragoza to Valencia. The "official" papers gave the transfer fee as £350,000 and Diarte's signing-on fee as £20,000 a year. In the private contract, the figures are £500,000 and £40,000 respectively.

The Inland Revenue is investigating ...

IN BRAZIL, there was a tragic aftermath to the match between D'Atlantico and Menegusso played in the small town of Santo Angelo. The visiting side won 1-0, thanks to a penalty awarded by referee Senor Busca.

After the match, the referee changed and headed for his car, only to find a local fan sitting in it. Without a word, the man fired two shots and killed the unfortunate ref instantly.

The police later discovered the murder weapon was in fact the ref's own gun that he carried in the glove compartment of his car in case of trouble.

'Big two' still want stars

IN SPAIN, the transfer market is still bubbling furiously. Barcelona and Real Madrid have announced they're still prepared to make new signings.

Here are some more six-figure deals:

RAMOS (Espanol to Barcelona) — £265,000
KATIC (FC Zurich to Burgos) — £100,000
CARRETE (R. Oviedo to Valencia) — £110,000
TROBBIANI (Boca Juniors/Argentina to Elche) — £125,000
SCOTTA (San Lorenzo/Argentina to Valencia) — £225,000
ALVES (Boavista/Portugal to Salamanca) — £120,000
FERNANDEZ (River Plate/Paraguay to Espanol) — £100,000
ROPERO (Marseille/France to Hercules) — £100,000

NEWS FLASHES

Tragic news for Juventus schemer Franco Causto ... the Italian star was playing in a footballers' tennis tournament in Viareggio when he was told his mother, who was looking after his four-year-old daughter, had died of a heart-attack.

I reported that Belgian Champions FC Bruges bought the Austrian Partiz. In fact, he won't be playing for the club now.

After a training session, a Bruges spokesman said Partiz "was too slow, too old and asked for too much money."

Sweden star Ove Grahn, 33, has been transferred from Swiss club Grasshoppers to "home" team Örgryte of Gothenburg.

Grahn wants to keep his place in the national team "and represent Sweden in Argentina."

Milan newspapers have openly said that trouble is expected between Gianni Rivera and newly-signed Fabio Capello.

The papers says the AC Milan pair "don't like each other."

"Nonsense," answered Capello. "We played together 18 times for Italy and never lost — why should I complain?"

Result of a friendly: AS Ostend 2, Halbaek 1. Nothing in particular ... but after 88 minutes the score was 0-0.

Then, Andersen scored for the Danes and Ostend fans started to leave the stadium.

As they did, Schepens and Carteus grabbed last-gasp goals for the Belgian team.

Real Madrid were paid a total of £195,000 for participating in two summer tournaments in Spain.

Up until August 1st, the North American Soccer League attracted over two million spectators, a record.

SHOOT/GOAL: Pele, as a member of Team America you had a rare chance to compare three of the countries determined to make up for their disappointments in the last World Cup by winning the next — Brazil, Italy and England. What were your impressions?

PELE: I think first I should point out I did not play against my own countrymen — I felt that would be regarded rather doubtfully back home — although I did see the match, of course, and I don't really agree Brazil's disappointment in the last World Cup was on a level with that of Italy and England. Brazil, after all, did finish fourth, while Italy failed to reach the later stages and England failed to qualify at all.

PELE

who helped his country Brazil win three World Cups, turned out for Team America in the Bicentennial tournament in the summer, and is now starring for the New York Cosmos club

because of the players that were available.

SHOOT/GOAL: Brazil actually have to qualify for the Finals this time, Pele! Is there any risk they might not make it?

PELE: I'm biased, of course, but the answer must be Brazil will qualify without any trouble at all. If I remember correctly, we start off with home and away matches against Colombia, and their team is still very weak; then we play Paraguay, whom we beat pretty easily in the Atlantic Cup. I'd say the only difficult match is the away-leg with Paraguay, and I'm sure we will only need a draw in Asuncion to qualify.

SHOOT/GOAL: And who will go

through to join Brazil, assuming you're right, and Argentina in the Finals?

PELE: From South America, you mean? I suppose it will be Peru, who play Chile and Ecuador, although the Chileans have been improving recently; and Uruguay, who should beat Bolivia and Venezuela. It's just as well, though, the Uruguayans have such an easy group, because they played terribly in the Atlantic Cup, and lost 3-0 at home to Argentina, who didn't play particularly well. I watched a recording of the game on TV, and said to myself, Pele, if these are some of the best teams in the world, then it's time you came out of retirement.

SHOOT/GOAL: I suppose we've got to ask this question, Pele, is there any chance of seeing you in the 1978 World Cup?

PELE: No, none at all, unless half the Brazilian team goes down with food poisoning on the eve of the World Cup. I'm really too old now, especially to play in that kind of competition. And I'm not sure playing in Argentina would be any healthier from my point of view than playing in England in 1966!

'STRONG COUNTRIES SHOULDN'T HAVE TO PLAY EACH OTHER TO QUALIFY'

SHOOT/GOAL: But surely you must agree, Pele, the attitude of the Brazilians in Germany in 1974 was most disappointing, when they gave up the attacking play we all enjoyed so much in Mexico. Is the present Brazilian team capable of recovering its old prestige?

PELE: I was talking to Brazil's team manager, Oswaldo Brandao, and he said: "Pele, will you come back and play as a defender on the right side?" I replied: "Brandao you are joking with me." "No I'm not," he said, "I have two great left-backs in Francisco Marinho and Marco Antonio, but no one else who can play on the right; you'd think in Brazil we only produced left-footed players." Maybe Brandao was exaggerating, but there does seem to be a shortage of players in certain positions in defence. I doubt whether we could afford to play defensively in the next World Cup, even if we wanted to.

SHOOT/GOAL: So you think Brazil will be back in their old attacking style?

PELE: I don't want to read too much into what happened in Germany. I think Zagalo, our manager then, was under pressure from other officials, and he lost crucial players, like Tostao, through injury and felt he had no choice but to play cautiously. I don't think Zagalo ever intended us to play without taking risks, he just felt we had to change our style to have any chance of winning



PELE of Team America

INTERNATIONAL STAR SPOT

SHOOT/GOAL: Brazil beat both England and Italy in the American Bicentennial Tournament. You had a chance to see both countries in action against your own side, Team America; what were your impressions?

PELE: I felt the Italians were very disorganised, often arguing among themselves, and I was not all surprised to hear that morale in the team was low. The Italians are such gifted players, but they have changing moods: one moment they're up in the sky, unbeatable, the next, so low a team of schoolboys could beat them. Also they seem to delight in these underhand tricks to stop opponents, even when they have the ability to win without resorting to unfair play. I've never played against an Italian team that didn't somehow take a delight in pulling a stunt behind the referee's back. It happened to me with Team America: one Italian pulled me back by my shirt, but one of our players, who speaks a little of Italian, apparently shouted at him: "Why do that? You're already winning, remember?" and the Italian blushed and came over to apologise. I'm sure they don't intend to go out and play violently, there's just something in them that makes it happen.

SHOOT/GOAL: England found the Italians very unwilling to accept defeat, when they beat them 3-2 after being 2-0 down: do you regard that result, as significant?



Italy beat England 1-0 at Wembley in 1973.

PELE: I didn't see a single really outstanding player in the present Italian side, although a lot of them obviously weren't trying. England played hard against us and Brazil — they always do, no matter how meaningless the match — and I must say I was quite impressed by some of the new English players. I thought Keegan outstanding, the best English prospect for some time, and I liked Brooking — such a clever and thoughtful player. In defence the full-back, Todd, looked as good as any I've seen. The goalkeeper, Clemence, is also very athletic and confident — how is it that you can produce such good goalkeepers, almost all near the standard of your Gordon Banks?

SHOOT/GOAL: We can't really answer that, Pele, though it's good to see that you were impressed with the English team...

PELE: Sorry — can I interrupt? I said I was impressed with some of the players, but I was less impressed with the team. It's difficult to explain, but there was still something lacking in that direction. The Brazilians for example told me England had the best of their match with them, but the English still lost. I can remember that happening in Mexico, as well. It seems to me that you have lost the skill of accurate shooting; your preparations are good, but you don't have the players who can score goals from the chances. It may seem an obvious point, but the team that scores three goals from three chances will always beat the team that makes ten chances but only scores with two.

SHOOT/GOAL: Is that the main problem, then, for the England manager, Don Revie?

PELE: One of them. The other is that football is so fast in Britain, or it seems it must be, that speed becomes everything, and skill takes a back seat. Time and time again your players would get to a point quickly, and pass or shoot quickly, but without giving themselves time to be sure that their decision was

correct. Great players may seem to act like lightning, but usually that is deceptive. They really have made the basic skills so automatic, that they concentrate all their efforts in the pass or the shot, so it only seems they are thinking more quickly than their opponent. I get the impression English players have to split their minds — you know, first think of the action, the trap, the kick, the swerve, then what will result from what they do, where best to put the ball. Until the skills are automatic, you will nearly always be beaten by a team that doesn't have to worry about making the ball go where they want it to go.

SHOOT/GOAL: Even without this skill, Pele, if you are correct in what you say, can England beat Italy and qualify for the World Cup Finals?

PELE: I'm not too certain. Italy will try much harder when you play them next time, of that you can be sure, and they are a team with these skills, which as I see it, gives them a definite advantage. A lot will depend on the England defence in Italy, because if you can get a draw there, I think England will go through. But whatever happens, it seems to me a very stupid arrangement for two of the strongest football countries in the world, and two of the former winners, to have to play each other at this stage in the competition. I do hope the system of qualifying is changed before the next competition in 1982.

SHOOT/GOAL: And what is Pele's future? Will you stay on in American football?

PELE: I have enjoyed my season with the New York Cosmos, and as you know, I am under contract to play in the United States again next summer. Some people have said to me the League Championship is artificial and the matches are artificial, even that I am playing as a kind of showman, not a real footballer. The football and the teams may lack the competitive spirit of a match in England or Brazil, but they are entertaining the spectators, and educating them.

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"The Owls"

I'd like to know how Sheffield Wednesday got their curious nickname of "The Owls"?

MARK FLETCHER, LOWESTOFT.

● Comes from the name of their famous ground, Mark.

If that sounds a bit complicated, Hillsborough — where Wednesday have played since 1899 — was known as Owlerton until 1914.

Saints First Game

As Southampton are my local club, I was delighted when they won the Cup — but could you tell me how they got on in their first League game?

DARREN MOORE, SOUTHAMPTON

● Though, as Southern League Saints had reached the F.A. Cup Final in both 1900 and 1902 it wasn't until the Third Division was started in 1920 the club achieved Football League status.

They kicked off on 28th August, that year, by drawing 1-1 at Gillingham and their first home League game, a couple of days later, saw a 4-0 defeat of Swindon.

Gunner George

When did Charlie George join Derby, please, and how many games did he play for Arsenal before that?

CHARLES ROCHFORD, DUBLIN

● George's transfer went through on 8th July, last year, Charles.

He played 113 full League games (also coming on 20 times as sub) for Arsenal, scoring 31 goals.

War-time Cup

As a keen Preston supporter, I've discovered they once won what's called a "War Cup". Can you tell me what year it was, please, and who they beat?

MICHAEL HANLEY, CHORLEY

● As I guess you'll know, Michael, all normal football was suspended during the last War, and a number of varied substitute competitions took their place.

In Preston's case, it was the Football League War Cup they won. After a 1-1 draw with Arsenal at Wembley on 10th May, 1941, they won the replay 2-1 at Blackburn three weeks later.

That season gave Preston a Wartime "double" by also winning the North Regional League — heading the final table from Chesterfield and Manchester City.

Real Bargains

Could you tell me how much Liverpool paid Scunthorpe for Kevin Keegan and Ray Clemence?

MARK HARTLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND

● As I'm sure you'll know, Mark, official

figures for transfer fees are very rarely revealed — but the usual estimates quoted are that Clemence's transfer in June, 1967, cost £18,000, while Keegan arrived in May, 1971, for £35,000.

But, even give or take a pound or two, no one's going to argue Liverpool picked up a couple of real bargain buys!

Up AND Down

Has any club won the Football League title one season and then been relegated to the Second Division the very next?

ALISTAIR MATHESON, GLASGOW

● Don't remind them of it up Manchester way, Alistair — unless they happen to be United fans, of course! — But that embarrassment happened to City just before the War.

In 1936-37, they were up top as League Champs, in 1937-38, they finished next to bottom — and went down.

United Crush Benfica

I know Manchester United's team when they beat Benfica in the 1968 European Cup Final, but could you please tell me their line-up when United beat them 5-1 away a couple of years or so earlier?

STEVEN WILD, ST. AUSTELL

● That European Cup Quarter-Final after United had won the home first-leg 3-2 — was played in Lisbon on 9th March, 1966. Steven.

The team was Gregg; Brennan, Dunne; Czerand, Foulkes, Stiles; Best, Law, Charlton, Herd, and Connelly.

George Best, who ran riot round the Eusebio men that night, led the way with two great goals — and the others were scored by Connelly, Czerand, and Charlton.

Even Benfica's consolation score was an own goal — unluckily deflected past goalkeeper Gregg by Shay Brennan.

SHORT PASSES

● Newly promoted Bristol City were last in the First Division in 1910-11.

(DANIEL YANG, Singapore)

● Although Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, there will be no League football in England; only Scotland.

(ANDREW McDONALD, Sale)

● This season's F.A. Cup Final is being played later than usual — on 21st May.

(ED SEONG, West Malaysia)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

THE NEAR-MISSES WHO AIM

'We won't be over-confident again'

PETER THOMPSON
of Second Division
BOLTON

TO BE perfectly honest, neither I nor anyone else at Bolton can say why we didn't go up. Our amazing form slump at the end of the season is still a mystery.

But, although Sunderland, Bristol City and West Brom probably won't agree, it is an absolute tragedy that we didn't make it because we were the best side in the Division.

At one stage we went 16 League games without defeat and were playing so well together that everyone was simply wondering who was going to be promoted with us.

The whole of the Bolton area was geared up to our return to the First Division and the big crowds were flocking back to Burnden Park at last.

And even the fixture computer was on our side because our run-in consisted of six home games and just three away matches. We'll never have an easier chance.

But once things started to blow up for us, there just seemed to be nothing we could do to halt the slide.

We had team meetings and inquests — but still we tossed away the points. Even little York and Oxford came and beat us, although we played them off the park. In the end we simply ran out of time and finished fourth.

Looking back, I suppose we did allow too much over-confidence to creep in — especially after our epic three-match Cup marathon with



Newcastle. We played well in all the games and after it was over the younger lads seemed to think we were up already.

The older heads like Tony Dunne, Hugh Curran and myself tried to play it down because we knew things could still go wrong — as they did — but the youngsters were busy looking forward to the new season and playing the likes of Liverpool and Everton.

I'm not blaming them because, at the time, it was easy to be optimistic — but I do feel it was one of the reasons we slipped up.

Even so, we have learned a bitter lesson and you can be certain there will be no complacency this time.

But we have proved we have the players and the skill to take this Division apart and I can't see us failing this year.

We'll go up — but I wouldn't like to try to name two other teams to come up with us. Southampton are capable of doing it, but they have got to improve considerably away from home.



Bolton won their last away game of 1975/76 4-0 at Charlton, but still failed to go up to Division One.

Scramble in the Chelsea goalmouth as Southampton put on the pressure.



'Playing in Europe will benefit Saints'

BOBBY STOKES
of Second Division
SOUTHAMPTON



although we will be hard-pushed to match our truly magnificent home record of last season, I cannot see us losing many games there.

Also, we have now had two seasons in the Second Division and know what we have got to do. There is no doubt that promotion is our Number One priority, and each of us knows what is expected of him.

Playing in the European Cup-Winners' Cup will also benefit us by providing us with added experience. And a good run against top Continental teams will really boost our morale.

So I reckon you can safely bank on us being back in Division One next season — but I'm not sure who will join us.

Of the relegated teams from last season, I see only Wolves as a danger. They have some very talented players, though, and I fancy them to be thereabouts.

I also think Chelsea will be a force to be reckoned with this year. Like us, they are desperate to get back into the premier Division and have now had a season to get to know the Second.

Forest are another former First Division club I expect to go well. They came up the table with a late run last season and I think they will be challenging all the way this time.

THERE is a very simple explanation why we are still in Division Two this season — our incredibly bad away form.

We did so well at The Dell, where we only lost one match and drew two, that we only needed to have had an average away record to have gone up. Instead, we only won three times on our travels and that just wasn't good enough.

None of us can explain why this was because we go out to win both at home and away and we try just as hard in away games. We just didn't get the breaks.

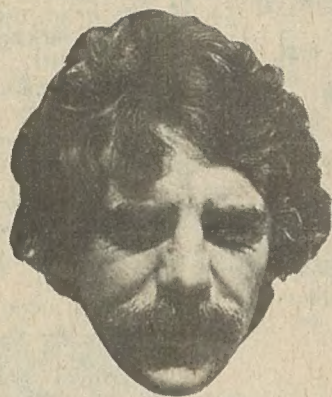
But I'm certain there will be no repeat this time — and we will get one of the three promotion places.

It obviously will not be easy because winning the F.A. Cup has made us marked men now. It will be like the Wild West — every team in the Division will be out to take us down a peg.

None of them can relish visiting us at The Dell, however. And

TO BE HITS THIS SEASON...

'It's hard playing at poorly-supported away games'



PETER O'SULLIVAN
of Third Division
BRIGHTON

I THINK nearly everyone who watched us last season will agree we were a class above the vast majority of our rivals and, by rights, should have clinched promotion.

But, like Southampton along the coast, we were badly let down by appalling away form. We only won four times on our travels and this cost us very dear in the end.

What makes it even more annoy-

ing is we slaughtered so many teams at The Goldstone ground, where we only lost twice. It is ridiculous to think these same sides were able to take vital points off us when we visited them.

I think that one of the reasons we slipped up away was we really missed the wonderful atmosphere we enjoyed at our home games.

There is terrific potential for football in Brighton and this was proved by the huge crowds we got — and the magnificent support the fans gave us.

But, when you get used to the crowds and atmosphere, it is often hard to raise your game in front of just a couple of thousand people at a bleak ground somewhere — and there are plenty of places like that in the Third Division.

We are angry with ourselves for slipping up and I am certain it won't happen this season — especially as we now have Alan Mullery as manager.

I admired "Mullers" in the glory years at White Hart Lane and, apart from being a terrific player with a real football brain, there is no fiercer competitor around.

He only knew success during his distinguished playing career, so he will not be prepared to settle for anything less as a manager.

Also, I expect some of our younger players — like free-scoring Peter Ward and defender Andy Rollings — to get even better this season. Skipper Brian Horton has started the season very well, too.

So we'll go up and I fully expect Palace to make it at last this time.

Shrewsbury and Walsall were two other sides which impressed me last season, and I think they will both be thereabouts — and it might pay to keep an eye on Peterborough. But I cannot see much danger from the three teams who came down.



Brighton skipper Brian Horton has started the season well.

BOLTON, Southampton, Brighton and Huddersfield all narrowly missed promotion last season. But they all plan to make it this season. **SHOOT/GOAL** asked stars from each club to reveal what went wrong, what they hope will go right — and who they think will do well with them.



Huddersfield on the attack during their 1-2 home defeat by Barnsley last season.

'I can't see us failing this time'

BOBBY CAMPBELL
of Fourth Division
HUDDERSFIELD

STRANGELY enough, it was our form at home which cost us the promotion we deserved last season!

Bad teams came here, especially in the closing stages when it really mattered, and took silly points off us when we should have murdered them.

It is even more odd when you consider we really played magnificently on our travels and finished with the best away record in the Division, despite landing in fifth place.

The reason, I think, is that our Leeds Road ground is by far the best and the biggest in the Fourth Division and we still get useful crowds.

This tended to work more in the opposition's interest, however, especially those teams with small grounds and even smaller crowds. The better atmosphere here and the size of the pitch helped them to raise their game.

Also, we were hit by injuries. I broke a leg in October and then top-scorer Terry Gray broke one against Hartlepool in the run-in — when we most needed his goals. Luckily, we are both well on the mend and will be back this season.

But, unless something



unforeseen happens, I just cannot see us failing this time. In fact, I'm sure we will go up as Champions.

We have a good young side and I believe we are superior to the rest of the Division. And we are determined not to let ourselves get caught out at home so often this time, either.

Watford and Bournemouth were also among the challengers last season, and I expect them to again be very dangerous.

And I don't feel Halifax, relegated last season, will stay long in the Fourth. I was on loan to them for a spell two seasons ago and they have some useful players.

These three should do it ... but they'll still be behind us!

Tackle this quiz, section by section, checking your answers with those printed upside down beneath each section. Award yourself four points for each correct answer. Then add up your scores and see how close you are to the maximum total of 100.

STRIKERS

1. John Ward scored goals for which Fourth Division club last season?
2. Can you pick out the striker from the following — Joe Harper (Aberdeen), Pat Stanton (Hibs), Peter Latchford (Celtic)?
3. Q.P.R. signed Don Givens from Liverpool, Leicester or Luton?
4. Did Leeds' Allan Clarke begin his League career with Walsall?
5. John Richards, the Wolves striker, won his first England cap v. Wales or Northern Ireland in 1973?

ANSWERS

1. Lincoln City. 2. Joe Harper. 3. Luton. 4. Yes. 5. Northern Ireland.

LEAGUE CUP

The First Round of the League Cup was played recently. Can you select the correct aggregate scores?

1. Brentford v. Watford (0-2, 1-3, 2-4).
2. Bristol Rovers v. Cardiff (4-5, 5-6, 6-6).
3. Rotherham v. Chesterfield (3-2, 4-3, 5-4).
4. Sheffield Wed. v. Grimsby (2-0, 3-0, 4-0).
5. Torquay v. Bournemouth (1-0, 2-0, 3-0).

ANSWERS

1. 1-3. 2. 2-5. 3. 4-3. 4. 3-0. 5. 1-0.

SCOTTISH L.C.

On the same day as the Charity Shield the Scottish League Cup was played. See if you can answer the questions below about the opening games.

1. Rangers beat St. Johnstone 3-0, 4-0 or 5-0?
2. Did Willie Pettigrew score for Motherwell against Partick?
3. Celtic beat Dundee or Dundee United 1-0 in their first match?
4. Where was the game played?
5. Hibs beat Morton, Meadowbank or Montrose 1-0?

ANSWERS

1. 5-0. 2. Yes. 3. Dundee United. 4. Tannadice Park. 5. Montrose.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

Across: (1) By. (3) Bloor. (7) Moore. (9) New. (10) Era. (12) Wing. (14) Sirens. (15) Into. (17) St. (18) Tag. (20) Keith Osgood. (23) Elk. (24) No. (26) Arc. (27) Tea. (29) Vex. (30) Ingham. (32) Eat. (34) Gresty. (35) Tutt.

Down: (1) Bees. (2) Do. (3) Bristol City. (4) Len. (5) On. (6) Rest. (7) Martin. (8) Own. (11) Rise. (13) Gigg. (16) Oldham. (19) Ask. (20) Ken. (21) Her. (22) Oath. (25) Over. (26) Axes. (28) East. (31) Get. (33) At.

Jumbled Name: TREVOR CHERRY.

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TESTIMONIALS

The players listed have all had testimonials in recent seasons. See if you can sort out their correct opponents.

1. Billy Bremner (v. Arsenal)
2. Bobby Lennox and Jimmy Johnstone (v. F.C. Twente)
3. Denis Law (v. Sunderland)
4. Cyril Knowles (v. Manchester United)
5. Mick Mills (v. Ajax)

ANSWERS

1. Sunderland. 2. Manchester United. 3. Ajax. 4. Arsenal. 5. F.C. Twente.

CHECK YOUR RATING

88-100 ... Excellent. 80-84 ... Very Good. 68-76 ... Good. 52-64 ... Average. Under 48 ... Never mind, try again next week.

CHARITY SHIELD

See if you can answer the following questions about the recent Charity Shield match.

1. What was the score at half-time?
2. John Toshack (below, celebrating) scored Liverpool's only and winning goal — with a shot or header?
3. Did 'Pool's recent signing from Ipswich, David Johnson, play?
4. Was the crowd — 71,500, 76,500, 80,500?
5. What was so significant about the attendance?

ANSWERS

1. 0-0. 2. Shot. 3. No. 4. 76,500. 5. A record for the Charity Shield.



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EVERTON skipper Mick Lyons is very emphatic in his view that a Goodison revival is long overdue. And if he had any doubts on the matter, Mick reckons they would soon be dispelled by a walk through the Liverpool streets — wherever he goes he sees youngsters wearing red jerseys.

"Nobody seems interested in the Everton colours," says Mick. "All the budding footballers prefer the Liverpool strip, and though this may seem unimportant, I think it is a sign of the times."

"These days, Everton are considered a spent force on Merseyside — even our supporters are subdued. So I feel all the more determined that this season we must make a breakthrough. Liverpool have the First Division Championship and the U.E.F.A. Cup, while Everton have nothing."

"And it is no use sitting back and hoping our fortunes will change — the team itself has to bring about an improvement. From a personal point of view, I'm aware that though we have been promising to do well for the last few seasons, little has happened — and I'm growing older."

For Lyons, the sense of time running out is very strong. He followed Everton from his schooldays, and Goodison has been his life.

"I've been sick of people saying 'It's Everton's year'. But now I think

we can really achieve something."

Mick is basing his reasoning on three main factors — Everton's successful pre-season tour of Germany, new playing tactics, and the men who will carry them out.

He explains: "Our form abroad in three wins over top-class opposition was the tonic we needed to rub out the hangover from last season."

"We have gained a general picture of the way we want to play — there will be a more balanced Everton, I think, because we believe we have put our finger on the weaknesses of the past year."

"Then, we concentrated on using three midfield men as attackers, and results eventually proved the system could be improved."

"Now we'll use one midfield player in a defensive role, and I'll be that player. As captain, it is the best place to be, right in the middle of things, and if it helps the team I'll

naturally be happy."

"Though the change of position could affect any chances I might have of getting an England cap. For the England Under-23 side I was selected at centre-back, and it is

here I have the best opportunity of gaining a future cap."

Fortunately for Everton, Mick has always placed the club's interests first, and he has been a goalscoring forward as well as a defender since

becoming a full-time professional at Goodison in 1968.

Lyons' own experience as a striker leads him to prophesy that Everton centre-forward Bob Latch-

ford will figure high in the goal-charts in 1976-77 particularly after his two goals against Q.P.R. in The Toffees' 4-0 win at Loftus Road on the opening day of the season.

Says Mick: "Bob has lost weight and looks sharper — he should give a lot of trouble to defences. And behind him we have David Jones and Andy King, both outstanding players."

"Andy, who joined Everton from Luton, scored 13 goals in his last 28 games in 1975-76 including those he had for the Kenilworth Road club. If he can keep up this average he must make a tremendous impact in midfield."

"I'm not saying all this just because I feel I have to be optimistic — as I said before, Everton have been tipped before and failed to deliver the goods, and I don't want it to happen again."

"So I'll just issue a friendly warning to my old pal at Anfield, Phil Thompson, to watch out for Everton

Mick Lyons climbs above Liverpool's John Toshack to head clear. Skipper Mick is confident Everton can end as top dogs on Merseyside this term.

in the Mersey 'derby' games this season — we are out to be top dogs."



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